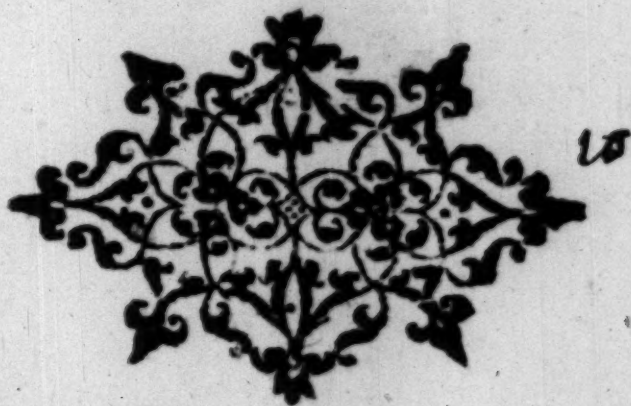




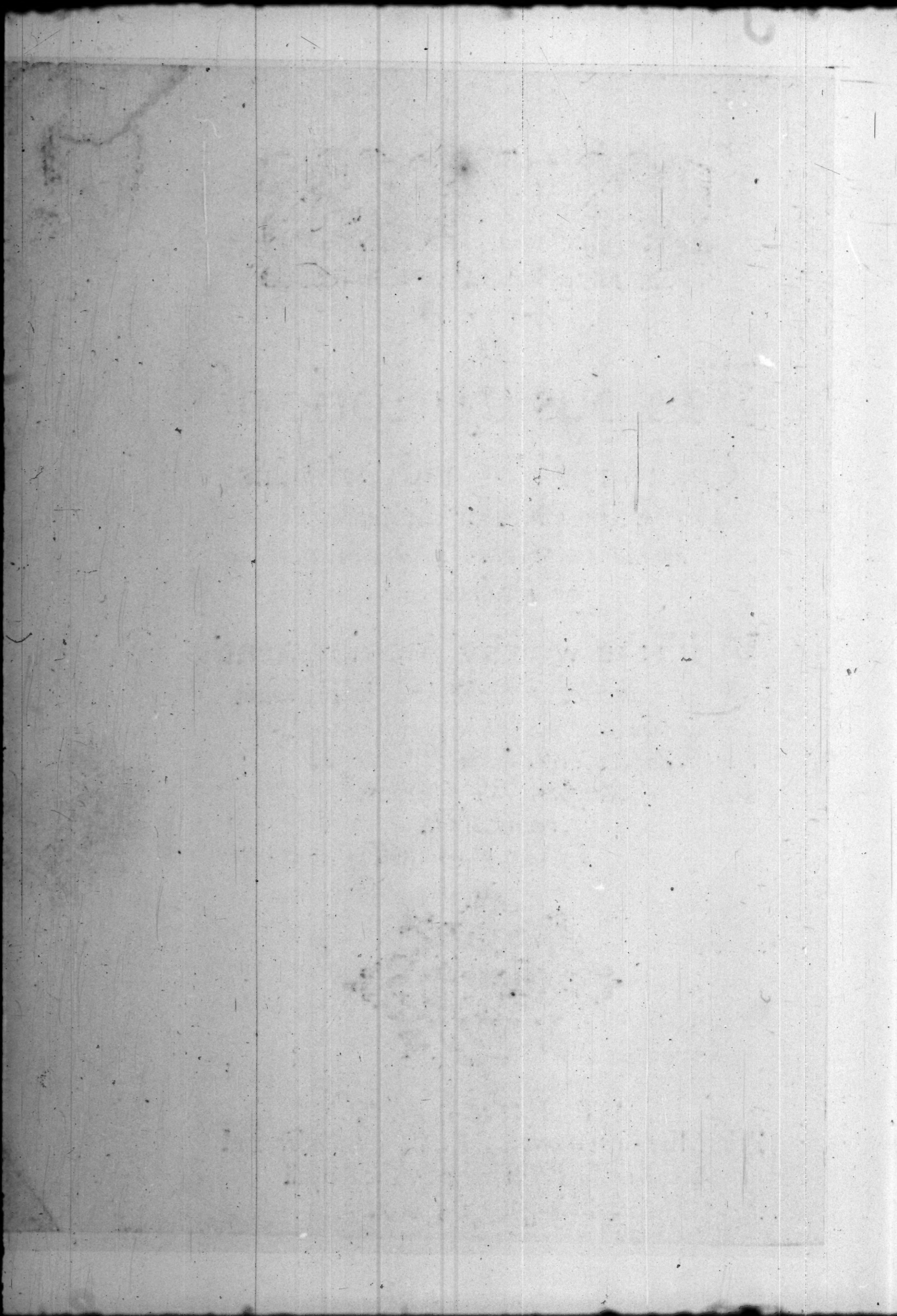
*T H E*  
**Famous Historie of**  
**Chinon of England, with his**  
**strange aduentures for the loue of Ce-**  
**lestina daughter to Lewis King**  
**of Fraunce.**

**With the worthy Atchiuement**  
**of Sir Lancelot du Lake, and Sir Tristram**  
**du Lions for faire Laura, daughter to Ca-**  
**dor Earle of Cornewall, beeing all**  
**Knights of King Arthurs**  
**round Table.**  
**By Chr. Middleton.**



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To the right worshipfull Master  
*Edward Stanley Esquire.*



I R, were I not  
more comforted  
with assurance of  
your Generous  
disposition, than  
perswaded of a-  
nie merit on my  
part, by offering  
the Patronage of

this Historie to your hands ; I should as  
certainly dispaire of the acceptaunce, as I am  
uncertaine whether it bee worthie to bee ac-  
cepted From the time of my first entraunce  
in Printing till now, it is the first Booke of  
this kinde I euer had power to dedicate, from  
my first yeres of capacitie to read anie printed  
thing, my affectionate dutie hath to your W.  
been dedicated.

*Enisham* one of your Lordships was my  
A 2 birth



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birth-place; and as my Friends there pay duties for the place they liue in, so tender I this here as part of my duteous loue.

The Authour of the Booke hath left it to the wide world without a Patron, perchance esteeming it vnworthie protection: neyther doo I thinke it in the least part worthie your protection, before whose excelent iudgement (so daily conuersant among the most iudiciall) it cannot but vanish like light smoake before a bright flame. All my excuse is loue, all my request is pardon; which as (I first inferd) your noble disposition assures mee of. On which foundation building, I cease now to bee more bold.

*Your W<sup>or</sup>ships, most dutifully affectionate:*

**John Danter.**







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of Chinon of England, Sonne to  
Lord Cador Earle of Cornewall, with his rare  
atchiuements for faire *Cellestina* daughter  
to *Lewes King of Fraunce*.

CHAP. I.

How *Chinon* the Earle of *Cornewalles* Sonne  
was borne a foole, and of the excellent orna-  
ments of nature wherewith his faire Sister  
*Laura* was beautified.



At the beginning of this flourishing  
Kingdome, when Arthur then Mo-  
narch of this little worlde, with his  
attendant knights, whose valorous  
exploits euery where acted for theyr  
Countries honour, hath eternized  
their euering names, even in the  
farthest coasts of the barbarous Pagans, where yet in  
despite of consuming time liues their eternal Trophies  
as spectacles for all posterities.



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In this time liued there in England an auncient Knight, whome this famous king for his many merits and well deseruing deedes, had installed in the Earle, dome of Cornewall, a dignity as hee thought fitting the deserts of this famous man, that had so often vndergone the furious attempts of the vnciuill Pagans, enemies to God, foes to his countrie, and great hindrances to the then but young plants of springing Christianity, as also endeouering himselfe euery where to defend the fame of his countrie, then of all other only fame worthy the Honour of his order euery where honozed, and the dutie belonging to his Knighthood, which hee alwaies performed, till at the last when the waight of many wearie yeares, gan bow his declining bodie downe to the lowly earth, making his oft tried Armour too heauie a burthen for his now war weakned body, his brandishing sword beating downe his age fallen armes, and euery supporter of his lustie limmes begiunes to faile of their former force, he determines to end his life in peace at home, whose beginning he had spent in warres abroad, encouraging younger men with the spectacle of his former valours, courageously themselves to attempt the like in- deuors.

In which time of his home aboad, the heauens blessed him with two goodly Children, a Sonne & a Daughter: but yet as it is the continual course of al ruling fortune to mixe with euery good some ill, with euerie sweet a sorrow, & with euery sunshine shew of promising hap, a tempestuous storme of ill beading hurt, so fared it in the issue of this yet unhappie Prince: for when the stealing houres of all ripening time had brought them from their Infant Cradelles to some participation of senceible knowledge, his Daughter whose name was Laura, so forwardly prospered in euery Liniament of her beautifull bodie, & all eternall quallities of a vertuous minde:



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so that in short time she became the censured subiect of all wise iudgements, in determination whether nature had better beautified her bodie, (where indeede shee had exceeded her self) or the Gods quallified her mind, wherein they had made her the only similitude of themselves. No penne that was not busied in painting her praises, though all too little for that purpose, and no tongue but was still telling her perfections, though they neuer could attaine them: for too bright was her beautie, to be shadowed in the colouring cunning of a mortall capacitie, and too high her heauenly minde, to be enstauld with the earthlie weedes of mans base wit, that as the toilesome Sailers in the dangerous Seas watching the misfortunes of a tedious night, doth with themselves mightily admire the gorgeous state of many twinckling stars, till when the siluer Moone proudlie rising from her glorious bed, drawes backe their daseled eies to behold her more than common countenance: so fares it in this age of theirs, where no starre may compare with her state, no face with her faire fortune, no grace with the least glimce of her glozie: so to leaue to expresse that in wordes, which could not bee comprehended in all wits, neuer did nature befoze compose of so rude a Chaos, so comely a creature: But her Brother whose name was Chynon, outwardly formed in as faire a fashion, as might well become the sonne to such a sire, but in his minde more than a maimed man, wanting that portion of sensible capacity. which commonly doth accompany even the meanest seruillitie: So that by how much his Sister exceeded in extraordinarie wisdom, by so much was hee scanted in ordinarie witte, where in steede of Princely feature, was nothing found but foolish behaviour, for high atchiuementes boyish follies: for that which is required in a man, not so much as is commonly found in a childe, vncapable of the rudiments of good



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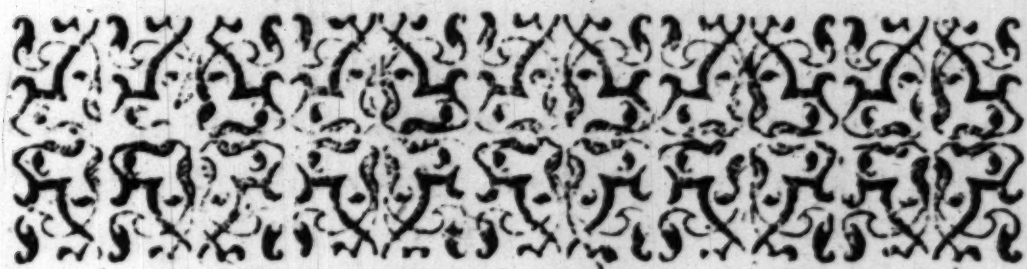
counsaile, and busit to conceine the commoditie of comeli-  
lie qualittie: whence as all men with admiration won-  
dered at the one, so none but with commiseration pittied  
the other, that so well fashioned a body should containe  
so ill formed a minde, strongly had nature forged hys  
limbes, which promised his valour, but weakely had  
the enuious fates framed his mind, wher was no hope  
of better, So that heere nature unnaturally hand-  
ling so good a subiect, had enclosed in the perfecte  
body of a man, little better than the vnperfect soule of  
a beast, like almost the imitating of an apish artificer,  
that in faire shewes deciphers a formall substance, in eu-  
rious cunning colours painting a princely perfection,  
which satisfies the outward sence as the same, but can-  
not content the inward conceit, beeing but a bare shew:  
So by euery outward appearance was he iudged well,  
till triall by experience to euery one proued him worse,  
but how great a cosseue it was to his careful Parents, I  
leauie it to the to consider whom experience hath taught  
to conceaue the like inconuenience, great grieffe was it  
to his old father that had bene himselfe full of valour,  
to see his young sonne though able, yet vnfit for any such  
endeuour, which turned his hoped for rest to haplesse ru-  
ine, his aged mirth to angrie moane, and what so euer  
other content, into a contrarie conceit, to see his poore  
neighbours comfort their seruaile liues with the sight  
of their forward Children, and hee their vnsortunate  
Lord wanting that redresse which those poore creatures  
in respect of him in such plentifull manner do daylie pos-  
seffe.

Thus grieuing to remember that which hee cannot  
forget and sorrie to haue so discontented an obiect to his  
aged eies, which he stil bewailed, though by no meanes  
his grieffe could be healed, atlast learns with patience  
to beare that which with paines he cannot amend, and  
instantly



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instantly solicites the great Parliament of heauen, in whose dispose rests the estate of all creatures, that in their vnsearchable wisdome they woulde either open the eyes of his blinded soule, forged in the mistie vale of a cloudy ignorance, or els cut short the vnpleasant date of his wearie life, and so prevent the insuing ignominie of his future times: where we must now leaue him a while in his follie, till the processe of our History bring vs thither againe.



## CHAP. II.

How two of King *Arthurs* Knights, ariued in Earle *Cadors* Court, and how *Launcelot du Lake* obtained the loue of faire *Laura*.



uring which time this young Ladie Daughter to this worthie Earle Cador, with the report of her matchles beautie, resounded in enery eare the welcome sounde of selfe pleasing loue, and thereby incited many aduenturous Princes, and matchles knights to forsake their farthest Countries with contented trauailes, to confirme with their eyes what had



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so filled their longing eares, as doth the neuer moving  
pole drawe the adamantine touche of euerie steele com-  
passe, still to direct their purpose to one point, so fared it  
here, whether declines the glance of al eies, the thoughts  
of all harts, and the aime of all actions, amongst whom  
arrived two knightes of the honourable order of King  
Arthurs rounde Table, which was then so fullie furni-  
shed with a peareles troupe of couragious Cauiliors,  
as iustly compared with all countries for like compa-  
ny, whose names were Sir Lancelot du-lake, and Sir  
Tristram du-Lions, two wonders for their worthines,  
matchles for their might, and for their curtesie excee-  
ding compare: who amongst many millions of other  
brave Gallants there all for one purpose assembled,  
proudly opposes themselves against all approaching  
powers both of foraine and homeborne foes that durst  
any way set themselves against her Soueraignetic,  
wherein they so valiantly behaued themselves, especial-  
lie Sir Lancelot du-lake, whose vndaunted courage  
stroke such terror to the hearts of his foes, and won such  
faueur in the sight of his friends, as hee was generallie  
admired of all, but especiallie of Laura whose maiden  
heart being nowe touched with the prick of affection,  
receaued so deepe an impression, as could neuer after  
be raced forth againe, and looke as there is no substance  
without his accident, no fire without his smoke, nor  
shadow without his body: so is there no loue how close-  
ly soeuer it bee shadowed, how cunningly soeuer it bee  
dissembled, or how farre so euer removed, but will by  
some meanes manifest it selfe, which in her proued true:  
for though her modest countenance blushing, ashamed  
at first to discover the earnest affection of a so soone con-  
quered loue, labored what in her lay still to repress her  
new mounting thoughts winged with the aspiring de-  
sire of a restless leuer: yet like fire the more it is kept  
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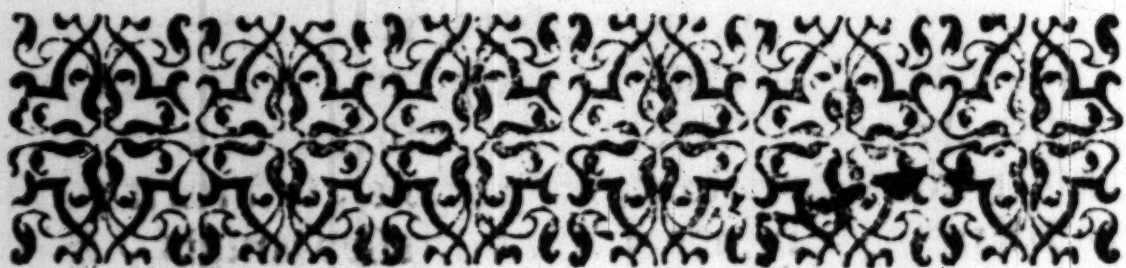
downe the fiercer it riseth, floods the surer they are stop-  
ped, the sooner they overflow their banks, and winde  
the greater that are their oppositions, the more furious  
are their forces: so fared it with the laboring heart of  
this lawles lover, sometimes determining to disclose  
with her tongue what lay so hid in her heart, and then  
she blushed for shame: then determined to smother it  
in oblivion, and then looked she pale as fainting in dis-  
paire: no minute but there entered into her minde the  
thought of a thousand doubtess, no doubt but redoubled  
her troublesome thoughtes, and both more and more  
doubtess, still / increases the unquenchable fire of her  
love-thirsting soule.

In that thinges by howe much they are hard to com-  
passe, by so much are more worth being once compassed,  
gladly would she forget that which most shee delighteth  
to remember, faine would she shunne the snare that shee  
so willingly runneth into, and desires to winke at that  
shee doeth most desire: On the other side the worthe  
knight despairing of his good fortune, or els doubting  
his former force, grew with melancholly demeanour to  
spend halfe in dispaire, the dayes hee was wont to over-  
passe in the fulnes of desire, thinking eyther her affec-  
tions were els where so thoroughly settled as could not be  
seuered, or his worth meriting demeanour deserved not  
so much as a fayre aspect from those powerfull planetts  
that guide the distressed estate of his sicklie soul. Like  
as a weary wayfaring man, that tired with the toilsome  
labour of a tedious t. auaile, dispaireing with in his time  
to enjoy the end of his iourney, and therefore vseth a  
speedier pace to perfourme his purpose, so fared it with  
the still troubled minde of this distressed knight, who  
determining with himselfe how he might worke some  
meanes that might merrite mercie in the iudicall cen-  
sure of that disdainefull Judge, who as he thought  
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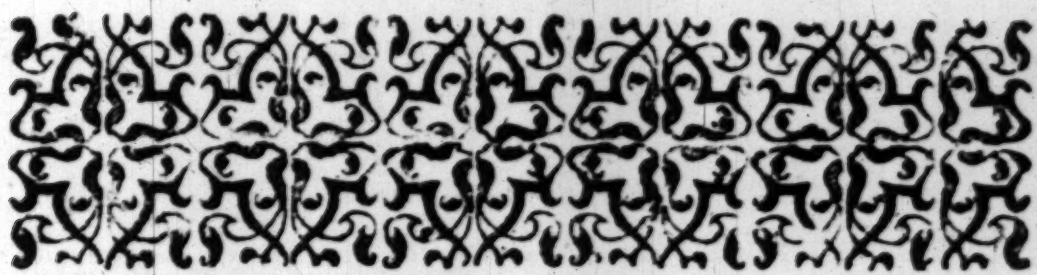
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with a severe sentence, would rather pronounce his death than promise his life, determined with himselfe how he might doe his endeavour to obtain her friendly fauour, which with long consultation hee thus concluded, namely to undertake some hardie aduventure, & dedicate his labour to her loue, and so if peradventure the happie course of all helping heauens did so prosperously further his attempts, as that in his wearie plotted way, hee might but fortunately finde any woorthie worke, whose conquest might deserue commendations, he fed himselfe with this hope, that the settled perswasion of his sure loue confirmed by the dangerous endeuors of his longing life, perfectly presented to her memorie, by the atcheiuements of his woorthie victorie, wold somewhat assuage the fury of her contemptuous conceit, & if not at the first win her, yet by little & little weare out the blot from her memorie, that detaines his loue from her minde: yet least his abrupt departure might be a greater cause of his disgrace, hee determined befoze hee went to paint forth that passion in the vnblushing lines of an amorous letter, which he could not disclose with the inforcefulle worde of a pittie mouing loue, & therfoze sequestering himselfe from the resort of all company, hee thus in pittiful termes discovers his pure loue.





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*Lancelot du-Lake*, to the Soueraigne of  
his soule, matchles faire *Laura*.



*Laura*, pardon my rude pro-  
ceeding, in that I so barely be-  
gin with thy naked name, for  
that thou dimmest all accents  
of fayre, and exceedest all E-  
pethites of wit, the Poets thought *Venus*  
fayrest when she was naked, for that her  
beautie being sufficient of it selfe, scorned all  
the artificiall ornaments of rich apparrell:  
And so of thee, whose shaddow fairer than  
her substance, canst not bee fitted with any  
stile which thou doest not farre surmount:  
Looke downe vppon the seruile estate of a  
subiect slaue, that burning in the fierce flame  
of a neuer dying fire, prostrates his sillie soule  
at thy perfections shrine, so deeply imprin-  
ted in his hart, as but the comfort of thy plea-  
sing selfe, no salue may ease his dying smart,  
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onely thou hast hurt mee, and saue thy selfe none can heale mee. Ah doo not then triumph in my tragedie, because peculiarly from thee proceeds my remedie: nor bee not proude of thine Art, because thus piteouslie I implore thine aide, but with gentle fauour intertaine what with humble submission I intreat, and in requitall of that deede I will impose to my selfe a toile without rest, a trauell without end, and be a Conquerour without conquest, till my ceaselesse paine may deserue thy pittie, my toilesome trauell procure our truce, and the Trophies of my victorie requite some part of thy curtesie: Thus what I doe or what I suffer, what I presently possesse, or whatsoeuer I shall haue, I sacrifice at thy Altar, as propitiatorie offrings, and with the sad sighes of a sorrowfull hart cense thy sacred Shrine, still intreating but this, that thou wouldest gently accept these rude lines of a rude Louer, and when discontented distance shall diuorce mee from thy Angelicall presence, thou wouldest at the least pittie my sorrow, though thou wilt not salue my sore.

*Thine whilst his owne*  
Lancelot du Lake.



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**T**his Letter he deliuered to a Page attendant upon him, and whilst his seruant was gone to conuay it to her, himselfe went in to take his leaue of the Duke and the rest of his Noble friends and fellow Knights, where with a tedious discourse he discouers the cause of his so sodaine departure, bowing his deuoted seruice wholly to her hono<sup>r</sup>, fo<sup>r</sup> whose loue he was now forced to leaue his Country, and seeke straunge Aduentures in fo<sup>r</sup>aine Coastes, whom they all were so<sup>r</sup>ry to fo<sup>r</sup>goe; yet seeing his importance, solemnely commits him and his intended enterprizes to the good fo<sup>r</sup>tune of his still fauourable starres, except Sir Tristram du-Lyons, who fo<sup>r</sup> loue of him, and honourable care of his solempne o<sup>r</sup>der, would needes in despite of what euer contrarie perswasions, accompany him in his course: whom whe<sup>n</sup> Sir Lancelot had with many perswasive arguments of forceable friendship diswaded from his indeuour, laying open vnto him the great cause of his dolefull departure, which so deuoutly hee had bowed to performe, as also what discontent the absence of so many Knights would breed in their King and Captaine Arthur of England, whose royall furnished Table had ransacked the treasurie of the wo<sup>r</sup>ld fo<sup>r</sup> to supply his want: yet all in vaine strone his wo<sup>r</sup>des to diswade the other from his will, fo<sup>r</sup> not all the sugered wo<sup>r</sup>des the others oratorie could affo<sup>r</sup>d, would anie whit diswade him from his fo<sup>r</sup>mer purpose: but in despite of what euer accident should ensue, he would needes accompany him in his tournie, bowing to sustaine what hardy sto<sup>r</sup>mes of abiect misfo<sup>r</sup>tune soeuer shoulde betide this th<sup>ir</sup>ce famous Lancelot hys bowed brother, that neuer shoulde the burning heate of all springing sommer, no<sup>r</sup> the cruell colde of deade killing winter, weale no<sup>r</sup> woe, p<sup>ro</sup>sperous felicitie,



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not aduerse extremitie, sunder their soules whilst life did byhold their bodys: Whom when Lancelot saw that by no meanes he could diswade, hee gentlie admits his so long desired company, and with as many thanks accepts it, as the other with millions of offers had vrged it.



### CHAP. III.

How *Lancelot du-Lake*, and *Tristram du-Lions* ariued in the French Kings Court, & how *Lancelot du-Lake* ouercame *Roderigo* Duke of Austria, and wonne the chiefest prizes in the Turnament, with other thinges that hapned.



Thus these two aduenterers for honor, after they had solemnly tane their leaues, ioyfully set forward on their iournie, & with a prosperous winde quickly cuts ouer the calme consenting Seas vnto the bozdering rockes that walles their countrie France from the furie of the sometime surging Sea, and after their arriual, being prondly moun-  
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ted vpon stately Steedes, stout of courage, able of limmes, and beauteous in shew, attended onely with two Pages, who for that purpose they had appointed, takes vpon them the nearest and directest way that bordered vpon that coast where they lately landed, & spending the parching heate almost of a whole summers day wandring through desert woods and manie vnpeopled plaines: till when the sweating Horses, of the weary sunne swiftly descending from the highest top of that heauenly hill, whence in his glozy hee overlookes the mightiest mountaines that the earth affordes, & by their fiery tract summoned the silent night vp to her wearie watch, they began to looke out where they might espy any convenient place for their purpose, where that night they might repose themselves to rest.

At last after much curious search descending down into the pleasant bottomé of a lowlie dale, where by chance ran from forth, the bowels of a mighty mountaine, a coole fresh spring, whose siluer current shadowed ouer with the heat expelling power of thicke tufted trees, refreshes the increase of all adioyning vallies, who weary with wandering, and willing nothing more than such pleasure as there was plentifully promised, they alighted, and rayning all their horses to the big bowles of an aged neighboring Dake, gins with the fresh coole current of that pleasant spring to alay the thirst of their hot stomackes, where they had not long solicited themselves in the shade after their great trauaile, but that an auncient Hermite inhabiting the desert romes of that vnacquainted corner, walking his accustomed iourne, by chaunce lightes vpon these wearie knights, as they were cooling their weake limmes in the delightful depth of that pleasant spring, who as ioyfull to see some creature,



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ture of whome they might be better directed for the furderance of their affaires, as the other was willing to supplie their wants, with that poze pꝛouision that himselfe wanted not, they with curteous salutation entertaine him, and hee curteously reꝑꝛecting them with the like wishes of good lucke, requires what, whence, and who they were that had so farre wandꝛed from the beaten wayes of those wide Desarts, to whome Lancelot with reuerent regard to his olde age, mildly answers that they were three Knights of the round Table, aduenterers in Armes, that had for the honoꝛ of their order, the credit of their countrie, & the loue of their loue worthy Ladies, undertaken to trauaile euen as far as stune and seas, the one would giue them light, and the other affoꝛd them land.

Then answered the old Hermite, are you happely come into these Confinnes: foꝛ not far from hence is the great Court of that mighty Monarch Lewes of France, that foꝛ the eternall memoꝛie of all succeeding posterity, hath foꝛ to triꝛ the strength, valour, & manhood that all the wide world can affoꝛd, appointed three Pꝛizes, the first a rich Armeur curiously wrought, and richly bee deckt with pꝛecious stones, whose worth I cannot in woꝛds sufficiently set foꝛth, with al the habilliaments thereunto belonging: the next a gorgeous Bedde curiously couered ouer with beaten gold, the fashion whereof farre exꝛeedeth the worth of the massie woꝛke, & all the rich adozninges thereunto appertaining: the last but best, faire Celestina his daughter and heire, whome I may well call the wonder of our world, whose beautie I will not labour to blase, least sayling in furdering that rare report, I should discredite my selfe in seeming curiously to commend that whose least moꝛtic exꝛceeds the highest reach of any earthly minde: There  
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may you trie the trust you haue in your selues, & cut short the processe of your long pretended iournie: for that thither will resorte all the flowers of Cheuakrie, that now flourish over the face of the whole world: To morrow begins these triumphes, whether in good time you shall attaine, and so; that this day well nigh done, will not afford you any further trauaile, please it you but to accept the tursio Cabbine of a homely Hermitage, and the simple supper of a sillie Shuestered man, that hauing forsaken the vaine delights of his young dayes, hath betaken himselfe to the melanchollie remembrance of his after life: where to supplie your want of meate, you shall haue store of welcomes, and when the next morne shall bring glad tidings of the swift insuing sun, my selfe will direct you backe thither, from whence you far erred in declining your wearie iournie hither.

These two Knights curteously accepting the pleasure of this aged Hermite, contented themselves that night with the unbolstered bed of a hard hurdle, & when the lively Larke a glad some Harrauld to the dawning day, gan with her siluer sounding note to discharge the melanchollie glooming night, hence haste these fanie following aduenterers, to practise their forward indeuours, whome the olde Hermite duclie directes how they should againe get into the great traced way that directlie would carrie them to the Court, and so with manie praiers for their good speede, committeth them to the charge of him that carieth the care of all creatures: from whence they had not long trauailed recounting to themselves the happie chance of theyr speede actual, but before them ouer an euen leuelled plaine, they might espie a wide beaten way, being full fraught with still approaching trauailers, that like a huge and mightie streame sending all  
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his force to the sea, turnes all the course of their con-  
ueiance to one end, directs their iourney with al speed  
thither, supposing that to be the way that should lead  
them to the Court, and those trauailers wandring  
thither to be witnesses of the rare report of those deeds  
of Armes, wherof their old Host had the other night  
giuen such great commendations: where when they  
came, they found it to be even so as they before imagi-  
ned, and turning themselves that way whither pres-  
sed the streame of the increasing company: At last  
they ouertooke a mightie knight clad in habilliments  
of gold, such as was the Armour of Achilles, moun-  
ted on a blacke Barbarian Steede, that with his stately  
gate stoutly contendes to put downe his Master in  
pride, trapped with the rich pompe of Persian works,  
curiously set with starres like Diamonds, that play-  
ing with the dazeling beames of the golden Sunne,  
dimes all the gazing eyes of the greedy beholders: be-  
foze him rides richly mounted ten Esquiers bearing  
ten lustie Launces, and thus marching in a trium-  
phant state as ever did Caesar in the Roman streets,  
he comes to the Court, where were readie prepared  
all necessarie circumstances for such knightly serui-  
ces: where before the Court vpon a plaine graine  
prouided for that purpose, the attendants appointed  
to bee erected a riche Pavillion of wealthie wrought  
Crimson silke, the ropes of the same colour wrought  
with finer threds, and what els belonged to the sup-  
porting thereof was workemanlike wrought of  
the same mettall: there till the time that euery thing  
was ready for the Tilt, he repose himselfe, where  
Lancelot longing to know and proue what was con-  
teined within all this port, boldly gins inquire of an  
attendant vpon him what he should be, who answer-  
ed that his Master was sonne and heire to the great  
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Soldan of Babilon, drawne from his Country with the fame of faire Celestina, for whose loue hee came thither, to aduenture his life.

Shoztly after approaches the place another puissant knight clad all in blacke, and he onely attended by a little Page that boze his Lance, erected a sable Tent, of whom when he required to knowe, it was answered that he was called Triamore, sonne to the Duke of Brittain, who for that hee had long affected this beauteous Prince (for whose sake all this was prouided) and shee with like affection answered his loue, seemed discontented in himselfe, that shee should be offered to any but himselfe.

Next him came many other of whome were too long severally to dilate. But in the ende when all were ready, & euery thing for these statelie triumphs orderly prouided, the Princes brought forth, the Judges set, and euery other appurtenance orderly appointed, the first that entred the Lists was Ferdinand heire to the Emperour of Almane, mounted on a white Courser, that being artificially arrayed with cunning conceited wings, Peggasean-like deceaued the earnest eies of euery beholder, with a shewe of fained flight.

Against him prepares a Pagan, mightie of body, and cruell of countenance, who furiously meeting, like the fatall opposition of two Elements, shivers their strong staues, whose splinters spinning in the emptie Aire, with their buzzing sound, tels the brane encounters of their furious fight from whome they flew, which course the Pagan bozne from his Horse, and soze brused with the big bound of his vnweildie body, was conuayed from the place of their Chivalric, almost past hope of recovery.

In whose reuenge stepped soth many mightie  
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men, hardie and approued Knights whome this yong Prince with like furie, forced to fall with their fellows: till at last like an angry Boze newly roused from his drowlie den, bustling vp his big bristles, as aiming at an act of rigorous reuenge, steps forth the proud Soldans sonne, and he pricking his Walfray to the end he might rigorously root out the springing hope of this young Prince, clapping as heauie a Launce in his strong rest, as euer Ajax fore the walles of Troy, shiuered for the recouerie of their unhappie losse: euen like the furious stroke of two strong streames, that with their terrible thunder affrights the vnacustomed eares of their neare neighbours: meetes in the midst of the Lists the liuely Lordes, where with equall encounters they were both dung downe to the ground, where Ferdinand his horse unhappily falling vpon his Masters leg, so brused it, as hee was not able againe to recouer his saddle, but was conueyed thence: which when the young Soldan perceaued, stoutlye triumphing in his valiant victorie gins saucely to proclaime aproud challenge against all Christians, for the reuenge of those fore punished Pagans: which vaine glorious vaunt so stirred vp the neuer vanquished valour of valiant Lancelot, as that addresseing him to the fight, gins he w himselfe at the other ende of the Listes, as ready to recouer the almost lost Honor of his Christian Countrie, whome so soone as the Soldan had espied, spreading his winges like a greedy Goshauke houering ouer a fearefull -ouie of cowardly Fowles, gins addresse himselfe to his former demeanour: whome Lancelot with such courage encountered, as bearing downe both horse and man to the ground, astonished the unchristned slaue with so fearefull a fall, as almost quite expelled the vitall spirits from his bigge swollen breasts: But yet feeling him



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himselfe in so great a danger of denouring death, & out of all hope of the pittifull compassion of his eager enemye, beganne againe to rouse himselfe, and speedily preparing his strong fencing furniture, to assay the fortune of a furious fight, casting over his shoulder a large sheltering shield and brandishing in his hand a keene edged Curtle-axe, gins nowe a foote to assayle him, that before on Horse backe hee did assault.

When Lancelot perceaued it, he prouided himselfe for the like purpose, and courageously encounters this harme hammering Heathen, where betwixt them againe beganne a farre more fiercer fray on foote, then was the cruell encounters before with their Horse, which continuing very long on both sides confirmed with the fierce falles of their vnwildie weapons, makes at length Sir Lancelot du-Lakes armes (weakened with the issue of much blood, that the Pagan had spilt with his blowes) almost to faile of his former forces, which being espied of the Christians, and especially of the King, who aboue all other, despised a Pagan should possesse so princely a prize, as they had there prouided, gins euery where to enquire of that knight, on whose strength almost nowe depended their whole estate, to whom at length word was brought that it was a knight of King Arthurs round Table, whose name was Sir Lancelot du-Lake, to whome all the Confinces of Christendome hardly in Chivalrie afforded a fellow: which stroke such a dismall dumpe into the moodie minde of this discontented King, to see the Champion of Christendome so nere vanquished, vnder the pittilesse power of a most hellish heathen, as almost driues the bright and Rosiall colour from his afore well coloured Cheekes.



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Till when this still triumphant knight shakeing himselfe as from a sluggish slumber, reaches at the Pagan with such power, as that at one blow with his well tempered sword, hee quite cuts a sunder the strong turret that hemmed in his head, & settling further downe to his harmefull head, batters a sunder the silver wall that shieldes the principall partes of soule serving sence, and the rest remayning remnants of that little world, wanting the direction of their greatest guide, altogether faile any further to fence their fainting fellows from his battring blowes, which sight bred no small content to the almost sickly soule of the King, who expected nothing lesse then the so speedy death of his spitefull foe, who being by the conquered disarmed of his rich habilliments, was by the rest of his company quickly conuaied to his curious Tent, and all his attendants sent home with sorrow, that whilome flourished in such hope for felicitie.

After this approached many other knights to trie their fortunes in that fight: from whence Sir Tristram du-Lions won the hono<sup>r</sup> of that day, still working for greater glorie with more manlike demeano<sup>r</sup>: Till when the nights blacke shadow, gins set an end to that dayes bright shewes, and so euery one expecting the end of their adventures, thronged to heare the iust iudgement of that sure censuring Senate, forepointed by the King to determine of this doubt, who with one assent after they had highly commended the many valerous deedes of diuers couragious Cavaliers, did aboue all wholly attribute the hono<sup>r</sup> of that dayes dutie to Sir Lancelot du-Lake, as one that had best deserved it of them all, and so putting him to the King, at whose hands he was to receaue this renowned reward: he there with no lesse pleasure to heare  
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the murmuring noyse of the muttering multitud, buzzing the report of his valerous deedes : then with the hope of those rich rewardes appointed for the Conquerours meed, receaued at his kingly hands al those robes, of more than estimable estate, and whatsoeuer by due was fitting his desert.

Amongst which was that more than faire Celestina, for whom rather than the rest was assembled such and so many mightie men, euen from the furthiest Coasts of al the Esterne Kingdomes to the Westerne Isles, bound vp in the Oceans bosome : but for that himselfe had befoze settled his seruice, to honour that Saint whose Idea grauen with the Diamond points of Chrystall caruing eyes, in the impregnable table of his secret heart, whence no furie of newe assaulting force, can euer wash it away, determines in this to winne to himselfe the report of more worth, than by his former acts he had fully atchieued : and therefore with many thanks to his Maiestie, receauing the rewardes of his honour, which now lay all in hys power to dispose after some conference, such as to like affaires are most fit, calling for Sir Tryamore, of whome we befoze told you, that he was sonne & heire to the Brittain Duke, gins thus discourse his honorable intent.

Since quoth he the vnmerited mercy of euer helping heauen, from the great attemptes of many more mightier than my selfe, hath attributed the honour of this day to the undeserued dutie of my deedse : By the censure of which sentence, I am to enioy the possession of all this pleasure, whose especiall good, rests in the glorie of this more than a Goddesse : yet since my minde not cappable of her loues impression, because alrerady it retaineth the beautie of another, in such sure possession, as that no time can trie it, no beu-



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tie blot it, nor other loue with languishment latish it away, to thee will I giue what I might by right take away, and so gaine more honour by the voluntary release of her loue to thee, then I should get fame by the forceable detayning of her affections to my selfe: In which I shall binde thy loue to me, as to a friend, her liking as to a fauor of her fortunes. and further the faire fruite of a yet scarce blooming bud, in the blessed bosome of anothers beautie, & so deliuering her freely ouer to Sir Triamore, twirt whome there had bene afore such settled likeing of likely loue, to the Kinges great content, the louers full consent, and his owne more furthered intent, he disposed of the greatest part of his prize: the other several rewardes he determined to send ouer into England to present to his Laura: for whose conueyance he adressed a trustie Esquire of his owne, that from a childe had followed him in all his actions of honoꝝ: where awhile we must leaue him to his further aduentures, and prosecute the presentment of his Prize to his peareles Parramour, which by his Page was quickly performed: who flying with the fauorable fortune of well wishing windes, in shorter space than commonly accompanieth such tired trauellers, arriued in England at the olde Carle Cadors Court, where was then a Royall assembly of Courtlike company: to whom when it was knowne that there was arriued one ready to tell straunge tidings of the admirable atchiuements of their late fortune finding friends, assembled all to gether to heare those welcome wordes into the Charles great Hall: where both himselfe, his daughter and his vnsexmely sonne, as also the rest of that Royall resort orderlie placed with attentive diligence, quieted themselves to heare exprest these straunge exploits: to whose presence did please a comely Esquire attended by a  
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**Judging Dwarffe** that was loaded with a rich Armour, who after he had in order rendered deserving duty to euery seuerall assemblant, thus deliuered hys message.

Great Earle to whose hono<sup>r</sup> wholly submites it selfe the whole worth of his worke, that from the fierce furie of Alians armes hath brauely boyn away these Princely rewards. Grant pardon to my rash resort, and giue licence to my truth telling tonge in few wordes to disclose the especial cause of my hastie coming: and then with the honorable accidents of these worth worthe wars, gins he to paint forth the praises of that famous fight: wherein from the still flowing force of many furious foes, had his matchles master brauely bozne away the home brought booties: Which tale hee so furnished with fitting Epethites, and true titles of aduenterous valour, as neuer sung the sweet tuned tongue of heauenly Tullie in the famous Capitoll of still renowned Rome, with more applausive speeches of a truth vrging tale, extolling the eternized hono<sup>r</sup> of those thrice famous aduenterours with the heauen scaling stile of a more than earthly Oration: and then with the blacke tragicke tunes of strange misfortune, such as was the Art framed action of that Thracian Knight, when he described to dolesul Dido the true story of Troys estate: To whose powerfull speech listned the attentine care of that pittie mouing Prince of whom we before told, whē the happy heauens dispersing now the sable vale of sad faced follie, that so long in the darke dungeon of ignominy, had lockt up the happines of his after hopes, being now able in himselfe to see, that which before in another he could not discern, even as the Eagle after her age casts her bill, the Serpent slides off his skin, or the wanton Bucke his harmles head:

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So he to the great admiration of all those worthy witnesses, suddenly starting at the strange tale of this well spoken Page, grievously bewailed the lucklesse date of his forespent dayes that had so sluggishly overslipped the young yeares of his youthfull iollitie in the fabling fancies of childish follie: wherein hee neither had discharged the duty of a sonne, satisfied the honour owing to his countries service, nor won the least part of that worth, that by due desert he saw generally attributed to many men of far meaner byrth, & therefore now turning his former foolish demeanours to more princely promising endenours, he suddenly solicited his old sorrow tyed sire, that hee would thus far further his intent, as to graunt him leaue a while to forsake his native soyle, and learne thus to adventure for honoꝝ in far foraine lands, whose instant intreatie not brooking the deferring of further delay, earnestly urged his now more fortunate Father to further so his forward Sonne, as that presently providing all such necessities as to him was most needefull, without any more meanes made for his bootlesse abode, fitly furnished him in every point for such a purpose: where every necessary being provided, and himselfe now readie to depart, blessed with the many praiers of his ioyfull father to see his forward sonne recovered from the helplees horrors of darke ignorance, to the approving pꝛoofesse of princely pꝛudence, and with the well willing wishes of all his friendly favorites, he departs his home to seeke his so long lost glorie abroad.

Meane while whilest thus Lancelot had sent over to his Mistresse the afore named fauours, speedy preparation was provided in Fraunce for the solemnizing of this Royall marriage betwixt Sir Triamore, and faire Celestina: which for that his father then resident



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dent vpon his Dukedome, was desirous to content his old conceit with the sight of his sonnes marriage: Sye Triamore earnestly intreated of the King, that he would so farre further his olde fathers request, as to licence their departure home into Brittanie, where to the old King willingly condescended and most Royally furnished this their ioyfull iourney: whither being attended with sir Lancelot duLake, and sir Tristram du Lions, besides many other aswell ballant Knights as beauty bzauing Dames, bzawen out from the chieft choice of all that Countrie, merrily sets sozward on their way.

In the meane time the Soldan hearing of the disgraced death of his sonne, and certefied by some of his espials, of the pretended purpose of these Christian Princes were the onely sharers of that glorie, gins presently to leuy what forces his Countrie in so short a time was able to lend, and imbarcking with all speede his Armie, in short time landed all his men vpon the vnhappy Coast of Britanie, where orderly incamping themselves, about the warlike walls of that strong defended Towne, where the Duke with all his attendants kept then a puissant Court for the welcoming of his sonne and his beauteous Bride; cutting off all those conueying passages, that leades any way to their neighbour compassing Confinnes, removing all semblance of succour from their longing sight: And being further certefied of the neere approach of that triumphant troope of valiant Victors, that fearing nothing lesse than such trothlesse treason, weares out their iourney with such ioy, as experience in farre neaner mens matters proues passing all other pleasure.

Whose purpose the subtle Soldan purposing to pzeuent, in an old ouergrowne wood, scituate some  
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four miles from the Citie, slyly incompassed a great Scout both of horse and foote: who as soon as they had encompassed this carelesse company within their ill intending Armes, rudely rusht out vpon them: who for because their coming some what too sudden in with the other Knights, could hardly prouide to resist their foreplotted purpose, and the numbers so far different, as scarcely might they affoord one Christian to twenty Pagans, whereby they were forced to a furious fight: In which same onely Lancelot, Tristram, and Triamore all were slaine, and Celestina mangred all their force, conueyed away in the fight. Which when they perceaued, like three enraged Lions, amidst the troopes of the Forrests feareful inhabitants, prayes vpon the cursed carkases of these vnchristened Curses, till when no more fuel was left for their fire, no remainder whereon they might worke their further reuenge, nor any other subiect for their conquering swords, hope of recovery was past, because their numbers were too great; the furie of further fight in vaine, because themselves were too weak; and being desperate almost, what way to take to find reliefe.

Long time they spent in disputing what were best to doe in this extreame danger, themselves being sore wounded with the many blowes of their ouer numbered foes, their Armour brused with the oft falling forces of their Foe-mens swords, and their weapons almost all broken in this barbarous battell, incites to their sadde thoughts what secure meanes they might seeke for their best safegard.

Being thus left destitute wchmigh of all defence, they wandred by and downe the vntrodden wayes of those wast woods, one reciting this, another inditing that, and the third milking both; till when the  
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comfortlesse couering of the sad faced night, gins hide away the life ioying sight of the lightsome day, when these sorrowfull sighing soules wandring in the vnpeopled paths of these wide woods, spent all that tedious night in tyred trauels, sometimes straying this way, and then stepping that way againe, till the sorrow of their sower chance had almost quite taken away the ready remembrance of them selues.

At last as euery sorrowe hath an ende, so had this long night, and the pleasant spring of the next insuing day gins somewhat to cheare vp their troubled mindes from the cruell cares of their ouer passed paines, when determining with themselves to make speedy post to euery seueral Christian Kingdome, and from thence to leuy such powers of people, as should perforce make this heathen Hel-hound again to render vp to their handes this beauty staining Bride, whom he had so cowardly caught away: Will wandring together downe the pleasant side of a summer showing hill they might espy beneath in the broade bottome of a dismall dale a great woone way, yet not such as accustomedly are the conueyances of peopled beaten pathes, but as it were the fatall footsteps of some mighty Monster that with his ill favoured fete had poysoned the sprouting springes of that pleasant Plaine. Which after they had a long time followed, prying euery way what this wonder should import: At last they a farre off might heare the vnaccustomed cryes (as it should seeme) of some tormented soule, that beeing grievously afflicted with some straunge torments, made those ruthfull moanes to moue the compassionate mindes of some wayfaring wanderer to deliuer her from that great miserie: which they like two lost felowes in a great growne woode, that with the resounding Ecchoes of theyr

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lowde scrying cries, hzings themselves after long search together againe, who listning from what like-liest place this same might growe, at last under the darke shade of a haltring Cypressse that cverhung the mouth of a craggie Caue, he went out (as it should seeme) of the big body of a ruinous Roke, they might perfectly perceiue the same to procede: Whither poaking in all hast, strining who should stand in most need for the release of this losse (as they supposed) rudely they together ran downe without regard into this darke Denne, who as soone as they were in, from out the darke cuert of another cabbining Caue stept forth a mightie Monster, framed with the deceitfull face of a faire woman, but the big body of a subtile Serpent, whose popson swolne bowelles bearing the breadth of a mighty Tunne, was supported with the ioyntles legs of a Castle carrying Elephant, hands had she in forme like a man, but in the substance of her frame more than a monster, a tayle that Serpent like catcheth in the vnprovided trauailers, her backe strongly fenced with broad buckling scales, that proudly opposes it selfe gainst the toughest steele, her force more than could bee comprehended within the reach of a reasonable conceit: for she (after her Crocodile complaints she had) drawing the harmlesse knight into that subtile snare, quickly routes vp against the mouth of the hole a mightie stone, which the force of many men could not els remove, and so locking in these well meaning men within the compassse of her loathsome Denne, shee leaues them to the comfortlesse consort of their nowe almost curelesse cares.

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### CHAP. III.

How *Chinon* after his transformation from his foolishnes, betooke himselfe to seek for forraine aduentures, and after how hee encountered Sir *Lancelot*, and Sir *Tristram* in a Forrest, where hapned a straunge aduventure, and how *Chiuon* pulled a sword from an inchaunted Rocke of stone.



**B** This had Chinon crossed the Seas out of his owne countrie, and arrived in Fraunce where hee neuer came befoze, and himselfe yet ignorant in the course of traualle, wandered vp & downe a long time, seeking some worthy work wherein he might make triall of his strength. But for that the desolate Coasts bordering vpon the sea side, afforded no matter for his manly courage, after he had there spent some few dayes, he takes a new course of trauell over the vntrodden hills into the bosome of the next bounding Country.

Which weary way, for that his horse being young



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and not yet vnto the hard hap of aduentures himselfe, euen as a childe that newe sprung from his cradle, can hardly counternail the worlds weary works; so fared it with this new knight, who was greedy of glorie, but vnfit to finde it: yet hoping of better hap, drawes out his iourney ouer many high hilles, and then settles hee downe into the melancholly shade of deepe darkened valleys, wher before neuer footed any earthly creature, saue foule Serpents, no noyse but the sorrowfull sound of the ill boading Diuic; no light saue the glimmering of a little beame that shining through the transparant leaues of blacke Cypressse boughes showed him some comfort amidst this more than the shadow of death: No meate could hee come by, saue such as that vnfruitful earth did affoord, nor drinke saue the troubled streames of an vnpleasant spring, that mixed with the vnholosome sorts of deade dropping leaues full of the filthy slime of sluggish Loades, and many such vnholosome creatures: his Bedde the ouergrowne mosse vpon the side of the mountaine; his pillowe the toppe of an vnener Stone; his couering nothing saue the ouershadowing bowes of age trembling trees; his nightly sleepes often affrighted with the hissing of many foule snakes, vnacustomable antomes to his eares: yet as he that will trauell vpon the sea, must addresse himselfe to abide the trouble of euery storme; hee that will enjoy the sweet content of felicitie, must needes vndergo all the hard haps of enuious aduersitie: so he that wil in this spacious world seeke the aduantage of Honour, must beare base direction of vnseemely misfortune.

So this yong Prince after hee had long time wandered thus without the direction of any way, at length espies a far off a chalkie path, scaling the top of a high hill, whether with much adoe at length he came vnto,  
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and after he had long time climed bpō the side of this mount, at length with many wearie steps he attains the toppe: from whose height hee might againe looke backe at his ouerspent iourney: following a longe while the broad tract of that beaten way, presentlie he came to a narrow cut of passage out of the side of a flintie Rocke, where the high hill steepe oze his head, troubles the course of the winde wandring cloudes, beneath the lowlic bottome of a blacke dismall Dale, filled with the furious force of aspyzing springs, that working from the wombe of the sea, euen vnto the highest toppe of that mightie Pzomontany, breakes out againe, and with a fierce fall downe into the dismall Dales, makes such a hidious noyse: as when the vnbzidled force of the overflowing sea breakes downe the boundes of his neighboring bankes, and downes all the nere placed plaines, with his euer working waters: Yet Chinon still hoping that after showers, at length would come a sunne; after woes, weale; & after these hard passages pleasanter plaines, with as much patience as hee could, ouergoes this griefe he had, and gins at last to see the farther side of his wearie way: from whence looking downe, hee might espie a moze pleasant dale, whether descending by a downe falling path that went into the bottome of a Hill he gladly at length attained, and there in a moze fresher and pleasanter streame than befoze of a long time hee had met withall: hee some what refreshes himselfe, and beeing content with such fruit as that soyle did afforde him, hee goes forwarde on hys iournie, still searching for that hee coulde not finde: At last he came as hee thought to the mouth of some Cane that was fullie filled up with the stronge bulke of a mightie bigge stone, whose hugenesse was such as could not be remooued by the might of manie men,



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men, where in olde almost outwoyne letters, were these lines ingrauen.

In prison here a puissant wight,  
Betraied by cunning craft now lies:  
Whence no man but a maiden Knight,  
Can free him from his miseries,  
Whose first tried valour must assay,  
To rid this wretched man away.

Which when he had red and curiously considered, gins to resolute with himself, to assay whether his fortune should bee so good as to perfoyme this seruice, where looking round about for him that did heere in a peremptorie painted challenge keepe the passage of that place, where this knight whereof mention was there made, is by subtiltie inclosed, at last sodainelie, but from whence he saw not, there was a huge deformed Monster, such as befoze he seldenie or neuer had seene, whose shape neyther imported the proportion of man nor beast, but a mixture of them both: from forth the furnace of whose fierie bellie, issues like the ashes of Aetna, many cloudie mists of darke smoke, that almost smothered this famous follower of hardy deedes befoze he began the fight, and in this fogge armed with the bulke of a yong springing Wake, the fell force of whose fall, had bene sufficient to haue ground him a sunder, gins vnawares to assaile him: which when he perceaued, nimbly leaping backe to eschue the heavy stroke, prepared in as short space as he could to prouide himselfe for this fray, but ere he could be in euery point armed, gins againe this monster



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After the second time to assault him, which he in the best sort he could devise, sought meanes to escape, for to undergoe it he could not: and then nimbly conceyning himselfe within the end of his mighty weapon, with his well tempered sword gins assay to worke vpon the Monster, but all in vaine, for so strongly was it euery where buckled with insconing scales, as no more entrance was afforded for his sword, then if he had stroken vpon the hard face of a flinty Rocke, when the subtle serpent with a sodaine turne gaue the Knight such a heauy blowe with the poysoned weight of her strong tayle, as perforce beat him downe to the ground, and almost banished the breath from his body: But hee mindfull of what hee had in hande, to encounter so vnaturall an enemye; long lyes not in that case, but nimbly rousing vp himselfe againe, gins freshly to assaile his enemye: who still threating him with the bigg blowes of his vnwieldy weapon, puts him euery way to his shift how he might best shun them.

At last spying a fit oportunitie, he with his sword indeuoured to cut asunder her vnacustomed kinde of weapon, which in short time he performed, so that now free meanes he had for to assay what he could do vpon her vnwieldy body: But all his labour was lost, for so safely was she garded from all entrance, as not the keenest Steele the smoakie Cyclops forged for the mighty God of wrathfull warre, could euer enter into her: when hee troubled at once with two illes, the furious force of her serpentine taile, which now proues her best weapon, and the brimstone flaming which still issued out at the Furnace of her fiery mouth.

At the last after much labour, the weary Knight tyred almost with this tedious toyle, gins some what



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to returne backe, to the end he might recouer againe his nic lost breath: which flight for that the Serpent did not with such eager force pursue, as she was wont to doe in the beginning of their fight, hee made longer stay to recouer thereby better strength, & then as two furious fighting Stagges that fetching a sarre flight, thereby to encounter with more force, begins againe these new olde enuies and with their furious blowes so plagued one another, as if the opposition of two great Armies had sent the noyse of their battering Armes from enery resounding eccho: till at length after the many sterce assaults of the furious Knight, hys foyled enemy in a sudden as she came, vanishes away, which he suspecting but to be some diuelish deuise, with an intent to set vpon him againe at vnawares, gins circumspectly to pzie into enery corner, to the end he might be sure that no intrappling ambushes of her hobgoblin companions, might pziailly lurk to insnare his life: when vnwares he perceaued the mighty stone so meruailously laid ouer the Caue of it selfe to roule away, and from south the hole issues out three goodly Knights, two whereof he knew, for hys Countrymen and olde acquaintance: but the thirde which was a stranger he neuer saw befoze, these were they of whome we said afoze were by the subtil shift of a deceauing Syren, cunningly compassed in that Caue: where when Syr Lancelot du Lake and hys fellow Tristram saw Chinon, that at their departure from England they left foolish in their friendes, & his fathers house, miraculously transformed to a valiant Knight, and so luckily there arriued, for their reliefe: no maruaile if with admiration, they woondering wittes were drawne into a labozynth of such deepe conceites, how this might come to passe, that beeing amazed as were those stone turned people, which ga-  
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zing vppon Gorgons heade, coulde hardly beleue in their mindes, what was so liuely presented to their eyes, till Chinon perceiuing their passion, gins thus to waken them from their drowlie and sluggish dreame.

Fellowes in Armes (quoth hee) the very reporte of whose valour hath from the heauy weight of obscure follie, rowled my deade drooping thoughtes to the liuely remembrance of a higher mounting mind, not happier shall you be in this your release, than I in bringing you reliefe; in that the succession of after growing ages, shall eternize my name for the opening of this worse than hellish mouth, and for the vanquishing of that more than miraculous Monster, for that by the one I againe restored to the world two such valiant Knights: and by the other, rid them of a pestilent plague.

Stand not in a maze, for I am the man that lately you left in a world of follie, but now by the power of prouident heauen, raised from that dejection. At last Lancelot (ouerclouded with ioy to see him thus fortunate, that whilome was so foolish) regrettes his good hap with many ioyfull wordes, such as commonlie passe betwixt long parted friends at their vnerpected meeting, and then sir Tristram likewise salutes his honorable aduenture, with the many great thanks and good wishes of like future good fortune: then sir Triamore for that he himselfe altogether vnacquainted with Chinon, although hee had often heard his friendes and then followers in Armes, with mickle grieve to relate the wofull case wherein they left such a Prince, as there they named in England: yet hee begins to enquire of sir Lancelot the whole passed storie of his friendes estate, who with ioy repeating, what oft with sorrow hee had seene performed:



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ains certesse him in euery point according to his at-  
king, which when sir Triamore vnderstode that hee  
was a knight of comely carriage and curteous de-  
meanor, he forthwith with many gentle grætings  
and more thanks to heauen and him for their happy  
deliuerie, bowed vnto him all the honoꝝ of his acti-  
ons: Who long professing kindly friendshippes  
and duteous indenoꝝ, to deserue this more then com-  
mon curtesie, they were presented with a troope of  
Fairies; mongst whome was Oberon there King,  
who especially choosing Chinon from the rest, began  
with many wordes of wonder to commend his Che-  
ualry, for that last being his first Combate, he had so  
valiantly behaved himself, as had all the chiefe choise  
of powerfull Christendome stroue with themselves  
to haue exceeded his worth, their Forces all ioyned in  
one, in respect of him had bene none: And then tur-  
ning to the rest of the Knights, tolde them that the  
Monster by whose deuise they were there deceaued,  
was no other than himselfe, who for the desire he had  
to approue the prowesse of this newe come knight,  
vndertooke that shap, in requittall of which wrong  
he had prouided a costly sword, which by his Art was  
fastned within the close binding body of a strong  
Rocke, and he of them that should stoutly pull it out,  
should for his paines haue a Jewell of rich price:  
which sword was artificially framed for Iulius Cæsar,  
by the cunning craft of a mighty Magitian, inhabi-  
ting within the desolate places of those darke vallies,  
and for that it so pleased the great Director of all  
mens dealings, that that worke should come to  
nought, for that the valiant Roman was before the  
perfection thereof unluckily slaine in the Senate, hee  
had closely reserued it to another vse: But who that  
should be of al them foure, (of which by necessity must  
needes



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needs bee one) that as yet was not knowne to himselfe, and then leading them through the darke shades of many light lacking vaultes, she wing them the secrets of his close couched Kingdom, bound vp within the bowels of the earth: whether when they were a little descended, they might partly see armies of many little Elucs come posting towards him, as speciall attendants on his traine, whose busie fingers would gladly haue bene pinching theyr wearie legges, for higher they coulde not reach: but that forbidden by the great charge of their commaunding King, they durst not aduenture it againe,

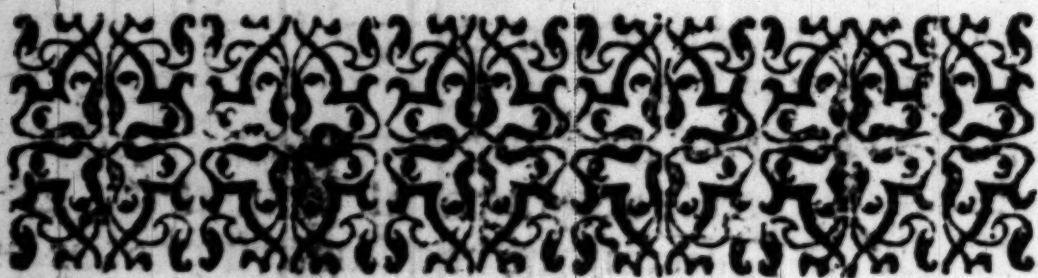
Thus after their long walke in those close kept countries, hee brought them at length into a breade vale, in midst whereof was grauen by a mighty ragged Roke, wherein was a faire fashioned sword curiously contriued of many sundry mettals, which should come by some or other meanes to haue bene stroken thereinto, where this fairie King told them they were all to approue their forces at the pulling of it, and he whose lot it should be to win it, for his pains should alwaies weare it, whose temperature was so good as would clearely cut a sunder what euer, stone, metall, or any harder obiekt was opposed against it, the vertue this, that whosoever wore it should neuer be assailed by base crafte biting of anie sic deceitful Enchanter.

And thus with many words extolling the excellencie of the thing, and promising good fortune to them whosoever should attaine it. Hee first appoints Syr Lancelot, who as greedie of this goodly weapon, as a hungrie hawke of her pray, stoutly steps forth, and laying hold of the sword with a maine force, offering to vntheate it, could nothing at all remoue it. The next was sir Tristram, and he also offering to vse his



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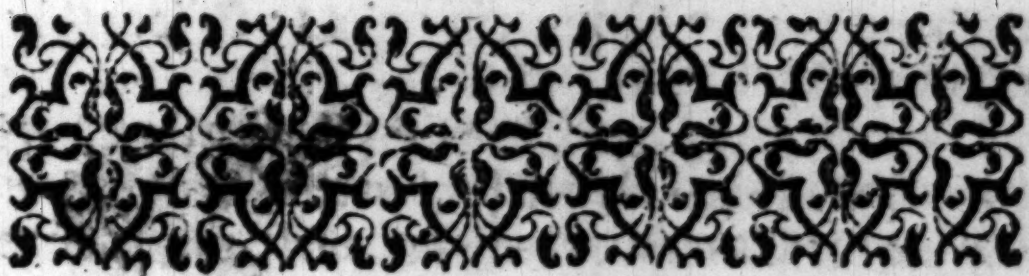
endeavour therein was also at the first expelled: Next him steps Triamore, but his force as feeble as the rest let stand still that for which they also strove: till Chiron taking sure hold upon the hilt, with one hand did more than they were able to effect with all their power: which when he had done, brandishing it about his head, as promising therewith to worke some extraordinary wonders, he straight waies by Oborams direction was presented with a rich Armour, and all necessarie furniture thereunto belonging, borne by two little Elves, which he straight put on, and then girding himselfe with his new got sword, makes all possible speede to returne as one longing to approue what those rich habiliments did promise: to whome Oboram after a long oration of much prefiguring valour and valiant exploitcs by him to bee performed, with many offered assurances of what readie helpe rested in his power to performe, whereof quoth he thou shalt ere long stand in need: giues him further, a faire shield, composed by the cunning of a famous Enchantres: wherein was in rich mettall curiously engrauen a statelie flintie Roke, shinered in pieces by the power of a naked man, vnder which in letters of gold was ingrauen this posie, Nihil difficile, & appointing him a Page of his owne bringing vp, a little ill fauored Clutsh Dwarfie, but trusty at all assays, commits him to the keeping of good Auozing fortune, till time and his necessity shall againe bring them together.



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CHAP. V.

How *Chinon* and *Triamore* redeemed *Celestina* from the Souldan of *Babylon*, after a most strange manner, with other Noble achievements that they performed in the same exploit.



Thus in a sodaine trance they being back againe conueyed to the place whence he first led them: where they then beginne to acquaint him with all the manner of their triumph in France, the losse of their Lady, the victorie of the Pagan, & what els ill hap had betyded them since their departure from the King of Frances Court, which tragick tale so whetted the longing lust of this pearcesse Prince, to reuenge the iniuries of those his so happy met mates, as that he straight gins to deuise how he might best worke some speedy meanes for her deliuerie, that nowe was closelie pent vp in delights, farre more worse vnto her than darke Dungeons: which



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which with many hammering plots : At length hee thus purposed to bring to passe.

Thou Triamore quoth hee , for that by thy default this Lady so unluckely lost her libertie, shalt venture with me thus to recover her , and these my friends shall in a nother sort employ themselves, as I will direct them : then seeing thy yeares are yet young , thy face louely , and euery well fashioned part of thy body fit to further our intent, thou shalt take vpon thee the shape of some inchantres , I & my dwarffe trimmed vpon in other apparrell will attend vpon thee as diligent seruants which thou shalt pretend thou employest in such secret affairs , as none saue such simple slaues , will abide to beare: where thou shalt undertake to procure the likeing of faire Celestina, to affect him which for that no welcommer netwies can come to his besotted minde, than the sound of such seruice, he will easily condescend to doe any thing that thou shalt direct him to: which being done , leaue the rest to my disposition, and in the meane time these my ancient friends shall whilest we worke within, attende here without, and the next night when the Quene of shades gins in her quiet rule to dimme the glimring show of lesser lights, in some secret place , that thou (for that the best cannot direct vs in this cuntrie) shalt appoint to attend our coming: where for the next dayes arise we will worke a deede of such worth , as shall eternize our honour in all ages , and make vnborne Children hereafter to repeat what exceeding valour, we for our Christian Csuntrie (ouerloaden with the hatefull burden of barbarous Pagans) performed, and then instructing them thzoughly in euery point of his purpose, and carefully prouiding to take away euery obstacle of aduerse suspicion , that might any waies be a hindzance to their well intended purpose,



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pose, they meeting all againe on their sturdie horses rides forth, till they came neare to the place where as the Pagan with all his Armie lay, and there in the same place wherby treason they were surprized, staies Lance'ot and Tristram in a thicke Castell, covered ouer with thicke leaued hollie, where they might easily shrowd themselves from the sight of all passengers: whilest Chinon; Triamore, & hys Dwarfse sets boldly forward to execute the fore plotted purpose: who coming into the Campe, made it straight knowne to some of the Soldans nearest attendantes what they were: Triamore pretending himselfe to be (as afore we told) an Inchauntresse, that was come from far, to further the loue of the great Soldan to faire Celestina: Which newes when it was told him, sounded no lesse pleasant in hys eares than Aue Caesar at his Coronation: where charging them straight to be brought to hys presence, he gins to question with Triamore of his skill, posing him in the relation of kings past, as how, when, and where he first surprized that Lady: which Triamore for that himselfe was an unfortunate actor in that dolefull Tragedy could in euery point fitly answer him: which the Pagan simply attributing to hys great skill, giues thanks to hys gods that in so good time had thither directed the skillfull Inchauntresse, by whose meanes he hoped not onely to enioy hys new toyles loue: but also to performe such prodigious exploits, as should rebound to the eternal dishonour of all Christian Countries, and then begins to question with him about the reuerie of his loue.

Triamore with a fine forged tale, gins tell him that if he would but practise such meanes as he should appoint, he would so Inchaunt the lovely minde of that fayre Christian Princesse to affect hym, as manger al



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the mallice of whatsoener opposing power, she should forsake father and friends, kinfolks and Countrie, & only bind herselfe to carrie with him.

Which soule pleasing sound, did ring in such swete musicke in his rude eares, as that he with all speede willed her but to determine what was herein to bee done, and he with as much expedition would fully effect, if it were to the losse euen of halfe his Kingdome.

Then quoth Triamore, this night hath Cynthia filled fullie by her emptie hornes, whose sauorable aspects will fitly further our purpose: when therefore the silent night hath shut the eyes of euery watchfull creature, thou, thy loue, and my selfe, must by some such meanes as thou shalt best appoint, be conueyed secretly from the Campe into the bosome of a neere bordering wood, where wee may clearly see all the course of the ceasles frames of neuer resting heauen: where I with my inuocations, and sorcerous Magick spels, will so Inchaunt the minde of thy beauteous loue, as hence forth shee shall neuer affect any other saue thy selfe, and then pretending to prepare such necessarie furniture as should fit her purpose, she desired that her selfe and her seruants might a while be removed into some secret place, where they might prouide all thinges fit for their purpose, and where they might haue some speech with the Damoyselle, which was speedily done: for a secret seruant nerely belonging to the Soldan, was appointed to direct them: where by the while they had free talk with faire Celsina: to whome Triamore begins to relate all that had happened them since their inforced departure, with the happie aduenture of Chinon for their deliuerie, and what els had befallen them, in that trauel: and then comforts her with the hope of escape, by they thus plotted.



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plotted purpose: where long they were repeating the ir-  
overpassed paines and reioyning in their hoped hap-  
pines, till time approached of their departure: when  
the Soldan not bindefull of this matter, sent to  
the Sorcerer to see if all thinges were readie for their  
purpose: which affirmed that shee was orderly pro-  
vided.

At last the latest houre is come, when he calling to-  
gether all the chiefest of his Captaines & acquaints  
them with the cause, which tended so much to the sur-  
therance of his desire, & intreating the most of them  
that they would walke with him out into the next ad-  
ioyning wood to be witnesses of this work: to whom  
they willingly condescended, & then gathering them-  
selues together, after the watch was set, they secretly  
departed: where the Soldan still thinking on the in-  
ioying of his loue, neuer dreamt of any pretended  
treason that might thereby insue, but greedily catch-  
ing like a foolish fish at the golden baite, they still fol-  
lowe on theyr way, till they were come to the place  
where Lanceot and Tristram lay hid: where Chi-  
non casting off his disfiguring maske, begins now to  
shew himselfe in his owne likeness, and with a watch  
word calling for his fellows, brauely sets upon these  
their enemies: where in short time they had sent to  
hell all the rest, saue the Soldan himselfe, and taking  
him prisoner, carries him away bounde: when  
Triamore now once againe reuelling in the treasury  
of his loue: gins with all humble submission, attri-  
bute to the honour of Chinon all the fore passed proue  
of this their fortunate seruice which they had perfo-  
med.

But Ce'estina that nowe like the Thracian  
Damosell returned with the Lord of her loue from  
the dismall Gates of Hell, begins with the



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teares of true ioy to prostrate her selfe at his honorable fete, whose force had againe restored her from the tedious flauerie of loathsome captiuitie, to the pleasant presence of life feeding libertie, bowing devoted seruice for this her second life: But Chanon disdainning that the soule faced earth shoulde enioy so much as a touch of her heavenly betw, with gentle intreatie rayles her vp, and thus replied to her suppliant speech.

Fairer quoth he than is the common composition of earthly creatures, and therfore of more worth than millions, if I haue ought done in this that hath bryed thy content, it is no more than becometh the dutie of my degree: When doe not thus attribute more honoz for my meede, than is due by deserts to my deed: more is thy smile towards the reward of a well deseruing weyke, than the rich rewards of many millions of an others bowes, more pleasant is the sight of an hours sunne, than the show of twenty shadowed daies: but thy sight exceeding the brightest shining sunne, that day is at the mid daies height the pearcing beames of euery bright eyes sight, more welcome to vs, than day to the wearie watch, or the repose of a quiet Inne to a tyred traualer, gracest our paines with thy presence. More worth is his weyke that rises in the rich bowels of the gold growne earth, than hee that drudges in the bottome of a dunghill ditch, and yet the last labor is more than the first: but that the subject exceeding in worth, exceeds the reward of his work more than the trauaile graces the thing: but the worth of the subject dignifies the desert of the deede, whereby our credit by thez is maintayned, and not thy matchles selfe by our might magnified.

Loke on hym that for thy loue aduentured his life, and the rewarde of my paynes is this, that they re-  
dound



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bound to thy pleasure, and for that Triamore, with me to  
again thou hast thy hearts content, remember the e-  
state of thy old father as thou toldest mee, is compas-  
sed within the circle of powder besieged walles, still  
expecting the speedy help of his forward friends: but  
yet hath this nights worke so weakned his foes, as  
that there is no doubt of further danger.

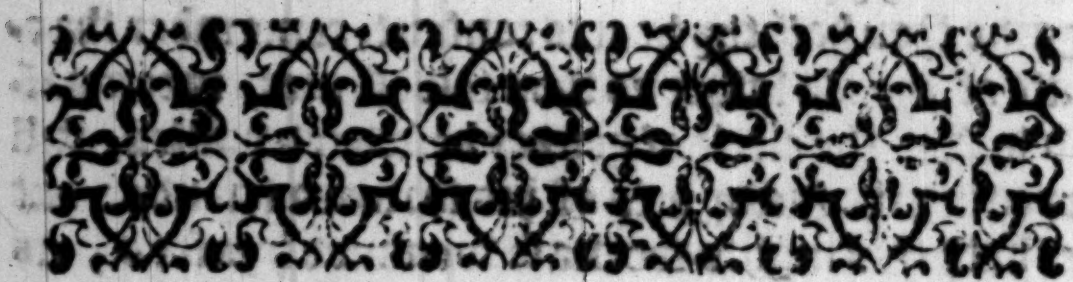
By this with such like that had they chased alwaie  
the sable shew of this silent night, and next the sunne  
gins with cheareful countenance to looke vpon the ho-  
norable actes of their thrise prayse worthy exployts,  
when by this time they were wandred farre from the  
place where they first gaue the onset to atchieue this  
honour: where Chinen calling to him his two coun-  
trymen, gives this carefull charge,

You two quoth he whose honors accents is euerie  
where blazed for your valours, shal henceforth leaue  
these wandring wayes, and returne with me into our  
Countrie: where I will present to my longing fa-  
ther this Dagan Prince, the first fruits of my Day-  
den manhood, doing all my humble dutie to his Ho-  
norable age: but first in safety let vs conuey these  
fayre friends to their fathers Court, and let them  
there safe from further sorrow at home, that haue sus-  
tained the hard brunt of fell misfortune abroad, where  
may as many pleasures attend them there in peace,  
as honorable accidents happen to me in warre.





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### CHAP. VI.

Of *Chinons* returne into England, accompa-  
nied with Sir *Lancelot* and Sir *Tristram*,  
with their most honorable entertainment  
there.



After that hee had thus aduentured  
for the reconerie of beauteous *Celestina* from the handes of the *Sol-  
dan*, that had traiterously tane her  
away from *Syr Triamore*, & sent  
them home to her fathers Court to  
solemnise their marriage. *Lancelot*, *Tristram*, and  
himselfe, toke the direct way that led them home in-  
to theyr own country, that there they might in quiet  
tell those thinges with pleasure amongst theyr  
friendes, which they had in trouble perfozmed with  
labour amongst their foes: In which iourne no oc-  
casion of further let encountered them anie more, but  
as fareth with ordinary traailers, they peaceablie  
passe over their iourne, till they came home into  
*Cornewall* to *Carle Cadors Court*, that was not a  
little glad to see the returne of his sonne, with good  
hap to answere the long expectation of hys faire hope,  
h:



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he entertaines them with such curte sie, as commonly passe betwixt lost friends, at they; vnacquainted meetings.

Chinon discoursing to hys old father the storie of their trauailes whose very woordes breedes new life in the dyed sinnowes of hys old limmes: as deeth the approaching sunne cherrish the decayed winter wome strength of the earths increase. Lancelot hce presents to hys loue the Trophies of his victorie, with many perswasions how for her loue hce had aduentured his life in winning those Princely Prizes, the chiefe wherof (whose worth exceeded all except herselfe) he had bounteously bestowed vpon sir Triamore, Tristrani, he folloves on his friends with the praises of them both: first how by their meanes the Lady was atchiued: then how by Chinon's deuise she was secondly attained, with all the whole Wistoyr of their former fortunes: where what ioy was generally receaued, as well of the King himselfe, and her, that whose life still lasts in the euertliuing acts of succeeding ages, famoused as much for the renowne of his round table, as Alcides for his twelue labors, Iason for hys iournie to Calcos, or the Grækes for they; triumphes at Troy. Hce now in the winter of hys waning age, affecting to heare that now of others which before in his youth he had effected the like himselfe, welcomes home all these wearie wanderers, that had bene so long abroad, writing in the Registers of ether realmes the courage of their own country: as also the poore inhabitants of this pappy Kingdome, that ioyed to see their neighboring lands dispoyle of such riche rewarde as was brought home by their countrymen. Thus when euery man had filled his eares with the report, Arthur willing also to further the courage of this young Cavalier, summons a  
solemn



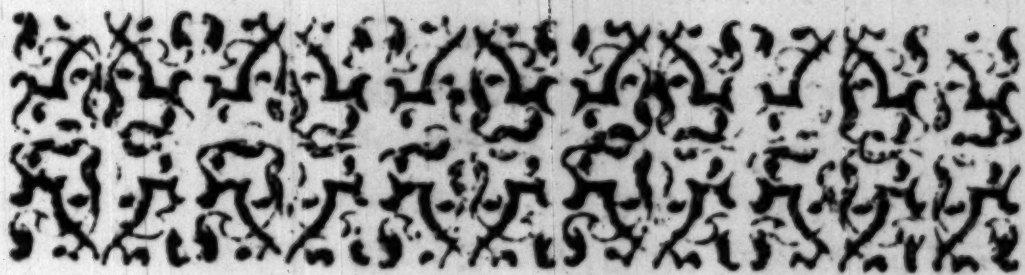
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solemne meeting of all the Nobles and Peeres of his country to his Court: where when at the time appointed all were gathered together, the King at a Royall banquet, gins to declare the cause of this their calling together, that themselves should see how sincerely he had, and would still pay the rewards of such deserts, as by the adventures of their yong countryman Chiron had bene prosperously performed, and then with Epethites accents of honour, telling the victorious tale of his fight, as Aeneas the Tragicke storie of their fight. he concludes hys speech with the performance of hys promise, which was the solemne orders he commonly vsed at the instalment of any of his knights, and dubbing him, therewithall appoints him his place at the Table: where a while he remained, as well to comfort the decaying date of his Fathers yeares: whome wrestling age had almost now layed along in hys graue, and as the Marigold that neuer escapeth her flowers but against the sunne: So he neuer opened his age dimmed eyes to beholde the chearefull countenance of any creature saue his Son Chiron, and like the melancholly Turtle when her mate is from her sight: So fares it with this aged Earle, that neuer sleepest but dreames of hys Sonne, neuer is well waking when he sees him not, & neuer contented with any sounds if he heare him not: as also the intire affection of hys King and Captaine Arthur of England, that inamored with his curtesie, was loth to leaue hys company, he was forced a while to refraine his affections, whose body thought it was walled in at home, yet was his minde wandring abroad: which the fates foreseeing, (as do the careful Parents provide for their forward children) seeke meanes for their furtherance in that qualitie whereunto they are most inclined, loath that so many vertues should



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Should be cowed within the compasse of a little Island,  
and not spread their branches abroad to the wide  
world, carefully contrived a meanes to conuaye him  
away.



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How Chinon was by the Fairies conuaid in-  
to Egypt.



Thus hee spending the pride of his  
dayes at home in dalliance, letting  
rust eate away his well tempered  
Armour, that warres before had  
scoured, lying one day vpon a  
pleasant ouerspread banke, vnder  
the covert of a nature framed Ca-  
nopic, bound together with the bolnes of sweet smel-  
ling roses: vpon whose pleasant sprays late the scue-  
rall sorts of musicke making birds, that with theyr  
naturall notes, calles on inchaunting sleep to possesse  
the quiet organes of his body with all pleasing rest,  
in the midst of a sweet slumber, suddenly appears  
to the view of his drowlie thoughts, two aerie bodies  
such creatures as we call Fairies, whome some im-  
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imagine to be those spirites that fell downe vpon the earth, and since that time inhabit the severall corners thereof; sometimes deluding mens senses with the shewes of that they are not: other, sometimes showing themselves in the semblances they commonly accustomed to put on, dancing roundelays euer the pleasant meades, clearing the secrete corners of euery shade: in which sort it should seeme they found thys Knight, to whom they gan shewe a rich embrodered armour, curiously carued and richly set with all manner of precious stones, and a faire sword with all the formall furniture thereunto belonging, faire passing that which before he had pulled out of the Rocke, and therewithall ginnes feed his fancie, that they nourished his imagination in the perfectest ioye of all naturall delight, with the shew of a faire Virgin, whose rare countenance promised more than her outward colour of attire, for that meane were her weeds, such as commonly we read of the Arcadian Shepheardestes, whose perfectiōs haue put to silence so many pens in labouring to portraitt their picture. But her selfe more than a mortall Maid, looked vpon with the impartial censure of a iudging eye, might draw into an endlesse Labyrinth, the labouring thoughts of an ingenious wit, striving with it selfe to picture forth her worth. Where a while we must leaue him Enamoured-like spending his time in this swate speculation, and for a time talke of this rare sight here shewed hym in his sleep.

This Ladie was daughter to an ancient Lord, named Belus, cheif Counsellor to Nubus, then King of Egypt, and was there earnestly beloued of a noble Man named Porphy, who for that he saw by no way he could compass his desire, neither by amorous demeanour of himselfe, instance of his friends, nor earnest



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most soliciting desires of his dumb intermitting gifts  
could preuaile to drawe towards him the dutye of her  
loue. he determining by another dulle ether to win her  
to himselfe, or to weare her out of conceit with all o-  
ther, secretly gaue her with an old witch, whose  
name was Europa, who byed by him, hammered a-  
bout to work some meane how she might change the  
settled affections of her maids like minde, somewhat  
to encline themselves to his intent: which when by  
no meanes she could bring about, she straight works  
a way to remove her quite from all companie, to live  
on the unpeopled plaines amongg brute beasts, and to  
that ende aiming her actions, by means of an ayrie  
spirit attendant vpon her, suddenly conveyed her  
from the Courtly presence farre off to an unfrequen-  
ted Plaine, situate by the River Nyus, where shee  
perceiuing herselfe displaced, but finding no reason of  
her remove, straightwaies begins to consider with her  
selfe what luckles occasion might thus crosse her in  
her hopefull course, and when after long search in the  
selfe inuoluen records of her inward conscience, shee  
could finde no readie reason, how her offences should  
any wayes haue procured so great a punishment, as  
this unnaturall diuorfe, not onely from the comfort  
of her kindred, but all other friends, having with all  
humble dutie alwaies honored her superiours, & with  
carefull curtesie intrated her inferiours, beinge ever  
held as the myrrour of good demeanour. And thus find-  
ing her selfe as cleare from those vengeances meri-  
ting times that strikes downe the headie wrath of  
all-indging Gods to sharpe with such seuerie plagues  
to punish the offences of men, shedding manie show-  
ers of amber teares, whose power were able to haue  
drawne pittie from the Steele hearts of hell-holden fa-  
ries, sits her downe by the side of that siluer streame,  
that



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that with his seauen heads, still sends fresh supplie to the all eating sea, and tuning her voice to the bubbling musick of his gliding course, & to the doctring sortes of sundry fishes, that like the dancing Dolphins at the swete sound of Anions harpe gather themselves together.

She sings this Ditie.

Ye free borne people from all thralling bands,  
That we poore soules perforce are subiect to:  
You glide with pleasure ore these golden sands,  
And feelles no hope of weale, nor hap of woe.  
Time, fortune, foes, nor any other power,  
Changes, casts downe, or turnes your sweet to lower:  
But we whome nature wrought vnto the best,  
Triumphant time still tosses vp and downe:  
And they whome former fortune whilome blest,  
Cruell misfortune with a suddaine frowne:  
Casts from a throane where sur't we seeme to dwell,  
To worser woes than death, dispaire, or hell.

Thus whilest with this song she sought to please  
her sorrow sodainly this wicked woman, (by whose  
meanes she was brought thither,) carried through  
the empty aere in herie flaming care, such as was  
that secret searching Medea, amidst the sable shadowe  
of the silent night, overrood so many tops of hills to  
finde those herbes, that in the age woone limmes of  
a bloodles man, cald bocke freshly spring to keep againe  
his residence in that body: who presenting her selfe  
vnto her in the accustomed shape at other times she  
usually shewd her selfe: begins at her first entrance  
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to disclose vnto her the manner of translation from her father and friends vnto these peoples plaines, confessing her selfe both to be Authoꝝ and actoꝝ of this diuelliſh deuise: where quoth she, the coy countenances that so oft thou haste repayed to the pittie mouing perswasions of him, that so, thy lone well nie, I, weares out in woe, the dayes and watches with terrible tozments the night, that in euerie sentence he speaks, so oft cites thee by thy proper name, and himselfe with bare conceit that hee hath, thee whom by consent he rightly should haue had, pines a waile poore soule in the phisicke fits of a passionate louer. In whose reuenge quoth she, I haue here seated thee by thy selfe, far from the resort of men, where desolation shall here teach thee to tell thy selfe that thou art now worse than wilde beasts, that before esteemest of thy selfe better than faire framed men: where quoth she, till thou canst call backe thy proude presuming thought, to pittie his case that so, the spends his life in such care, here shalt thou haue thy abode, and be as far from any consolation of others, as thou art from comfort of him, and so sodainely leaving her againe to her selfe she departed.

At which abrupt Oration, the maide seemed at the first dismayed: yet at length considering somewhat more her conceit, in that she knew the meanes of her removal, and that last after shee had long remained there in that people wanting world, to eschue the occasion of harme, and the effect of idleness, shee betooke herselfe to careful keeping of some simple natured sheepe, whereof that place was store, of whose wool she now begins to spinne her selfe some homely attire, that was wont to be robes in the richest array that nature and Arte could afford, and in the meane time, the loary woꝝkes presenting all occasions of further



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misfortune, that might els in the continuance of time  
hane crossed theyr intent, w<sup>o</sup>lke meanes to discomfite  
her wofull Father: who now destitute of all his chil-  
dren, his daughter the hope of comfort to hys de-  
clin<sup>g</sup> age, and having three goodly sonnes, whome na-  
ture had euer way furnished with gifts fitting their  
degrees, whose names were Michael, Terpander,  
and Theonas: all these had bee employed in the quest  
of their sister, when as his foes taking the advantage  
of their time, Perolus that was also a Countellor,  
gins secretly to informe the King of certayne treasons  
pretended to his life and land; by Bellarian father to  
this new Mepheardeste, of whome before wee tolde  
you: to the end that having furnished him of the  
Kings fauour, himselfe might the easier effect what  
occasion to him should be offered, and the poore father  
left destitute of all meanes to further his sonnes af-  
fares: which the King at the first was loth to beleue,  
both for that he had had so long tryall of the faithfull  
seruice old Bellarian had alwaies performed, as also  
that hee supposed that such subtiltie could not harbour  
in a siluer coloured head: for that quoth he Serpents  
alwaies lurke in young greene tufftes, & not in win-  
ter wythered grasse, age abolishes deceits, as it a-  
bandons vaine delights, & as the bodie waxes weak,  
by so much more doth the minde waxe strong, as be-  
ing nowe freed from all the intemperate passions in yow-  
age, wherunto the vaine pleasures of this wicked  
world did still intise him to in hys youth: wherunto  
the other ready to replie with freche and fresh argu-  
ment, shewes straight to the King the intermissing  
letters that so long had passed too and fro, betwixt Bel-  
larian and many of his Maiesties enemies, for the ef-  
fecting of their treasons, to which he had so cunningly  
countered



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counterfetted the oldmans hand, as if himselfe had substantially set it done, and the better to proue euery seuerall circumstance of this his surmised tale, hee presently produces two or three perjured companions, who for that purpose hee had subbozned: whose substantiall tale tooke such effect, and so farre incensed the King, that in all haste sending for the old guiltlesse soule, who was so farre from pretending this ill, that notwithstanding all the cruell occasions that so vnluckely had hapned vnto him, he spends all his time intending still naught but his Soueraignes good: where when hee came, the King breaking forth into impatience, beginnes with traitterous names to vpbraid him, who God knows was so farre from inventing it, that he studied nothing more than the preventing it: and then enripping vnto him the forged treason, the wing him the counterfet letters signed by his own hand, the seuerall circumstances proued by such sufficient witnesses, as there pretended themselves to be, impatient of excuse, and therefore utterly denying to heare his further answer, still vrged by the enuious inuented perswasions of his subtil enemie, gins thus to bewray his hatred.

Experience queth he hath taught vs, and the dayly proue of still present time offers occasions to our eyes of new examples, how in brute beasts the continuance of long time growndeth perfect loue, as the silly dogge that brought vp at his Masters trencher, in his kinde remembers his curtesie, and whiles nature lends him libertie of life, and he is himselfe still in all duty to requite it, and shall then man their reasonable ruler, be worse than these reasonable things, by him so ruled: herbes, trees, and other begitable creatures increasing from the earth, to them that with care manure their roots, & prune their branches render fruit for a reward,  
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The beasts they in their sundrie kindes requites their owners cost: as one with his skinne, another with his steeke; one with his huffe, and another with his horne; one with his labour, and another with his leu; and shall not then he whome God hath made as Father of all these creatures exceede them in his reasonable raign, that subiect hisselues reasonles to be ruled. Since first I came to sway the heauie scepter of this great Kingdome, and tooke into my hands the tuition of so many people as inhabite these spacious plaines of wide west-girt, haue nourished thee euen in my bosome: nearest haue I kept thee to my selfe, because I would draw thy affection from all other, & haste thou now with thy lopes vngatefull snake, sting- ed him in the breast, that so carefully sought to pre- serue thee in his bosome.

Can it be that vnder the reuerend shew of such ho- nourable age, should rest the vnderseued thoughtes of vnreuerent reuenging rage. Is there founde foule disease in faire gold, bad shewes on good substances, & can there be such hatred in sure hearts? I, I, I see the fairest flower shine hath his sodaine shower the best blossom is oft times sone blasted & the truest friend proues oft the most trecherous foe: But as no man commends the surie morning, nor the shewie night, the frustrate hope of his fruite, for the bad blasted bud: so let every man especially condemne the soules secret friende, when hee turnes to a sore serving foe: which simile I to thy selfe must now applie: that vnder the faire shew of friendship, hast secretly gone about to ouerturne my estate, & bring this welgou- ned common weale to a ruinous decayed wrecke, which fault is so apparant, both by thine owne hand sufficiently set forth, as also confirmed by the Testa- ment of others: as that my patience, scarce contain-  
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ing it selfe within the bounds of euill behaviour, cannot abide to heare any excuse, and therefore will I against thee pronounce this heauie doome for thy ill deserving deedes, the punishment of death were a pleasure to thee, so that so I should ease thee of a great deale of sorrow, if thou shouldst still continue in thy best state thou wert likely to sustaine, and therefore from henceforth like a cursed creature, shalt thou wander in the world and eate the bitter bread of banishment in a foraine soyle, that whilome livedst so sweetly in thine owne naturall seat, and so for euer I banish thee from the compasse of this Kingdome, to burie thy siluer haire in sorrow, that haddest such hope to harbour them in their graue with ioy.

At which wordes the olde man not able to speake for the abundance of teares that stopped vp the way of his wordes, was forced to leaue him without further replie and hopeles of any helpe, patiently to departe. By this time had the King (more to punish his supposed amis,) seized vpon all his goods, to the ende he might leaue him no succour to saue himself abroad: which when he saw, sorrowfully sighing to himselfe, desperately departs away without any further following the King, for the repeale of this his punishment, and straight way betakes himselfe to hys trauaile: which when Perolus perceaued how they now had brought euery thing euen to the bent of their own bow, gins glorie to themselves in their likely prosperitie, purchased by the hard hap of an others aduersitie: but on a sodaine Europa, the Witch by whose counsell all this trecherie was contriued, looking further into the matter what was likelic to follow: by these meanes perceaued in the speculative glasse, how that the rightfull reuenging gods had by many means determined her release: first by Chinon, whom for  
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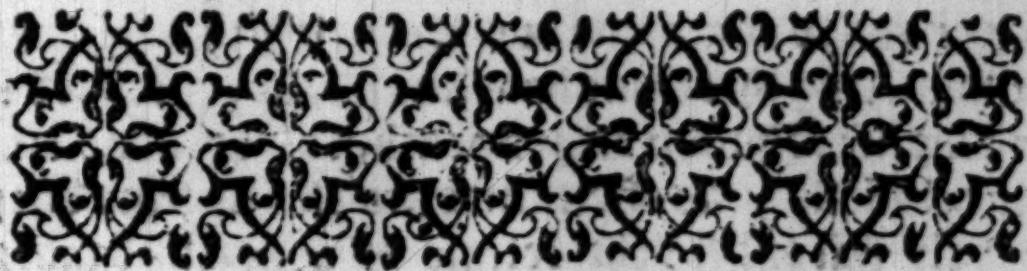
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that purpose they had brought out of England: then by her brethren, who had undertaken to search all the world for their sister, and lastly by her father, whose gildes banishment could not long be concealed, & the being called home to his former place, would seek such meanes for her reconerie, as their power could hardly prevent, and therefore to escape these insuing illles he thus determined to deale. The maide who though she was from thence far remote, and in a place whether lay no ordinarie passage: yet foreseeing how at length that all would hit vpon that way, incloses by her wicked workes this faire Damsell within the ruine of an olde Roke hard by the riuer side, vpon whose bankes before shee made her abode: where accompanied with shadowes of naturall creatures, hauing faire womanly faces like her selfe, that seemed to outward sence of the far beholders, to make her merrie with melodious musicke, but to her selfe she found it far contrarie, prouing nothing els but a harsh discord of misliking sounds: which outward semblance was for this purpose by them prouided, that it might somewhat satisfie any idle beholder, to see that her prison was rather a pleasure, than any such paine as should moue the mindes of men to venture any thing for her release: where poore soule shee now croupt vpon in a Cage that before tooke her pleasure vpon these spacious plaines, like to the beguiled bird, that vniwares falling into the fowlers gin, is nowe caged vpon in a little compasse, that whilome was wont to play vpon the broad branches of euery springing plant.

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How *Bessarian* her father was by the Witch turned into the likenes of a Beare, and how hee met with his sonnes in that shape.



**T**HE having determined of her, they straight waies begin to strue with themselves how they might deuise some drift to remove the feare that they had of her Fathers rising againe to his former state, which by the meanes of Eutropa the Witch they thus contriued.

Shee calling to counsaile her attendant spirits; by whose meanes shee brought to passe all this matter, gins giue them severally in charge to vse their Artes in plaging of this poore man, which they should so surely effect, as no hope should be left of any more comfort to come vnto him; where beating together their hell bred braines, they thus concluded with themselves, that they would change hym from the shape of a man, into the big body of an vgly Beare,



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and so let him die a beast that was boꝛne a man, and further yet, to aggruuate hys woes, which might notwithstanding this enuie haue an end, they intended in his disguise to hasten on hys death, least by some crossing occasions, as oftentimes are usually scene unexpectedly fall out for the release of Magicke bandes, which they thus determined when they had wrought their willes in his transfoꝛmation, about his necke they hang a scroule, wherein were written two verses which were these.

He whose good hap shall kill this beare,  
That man shall haue his hearts desire.

Thinking by this meanes the better to drawe on euery mans might, to the effecting of their foꝛmer plotted purpose, so that all men by a naturall instinct or greedie to get any hope of pursuing their purposes, though oft times they doo it with the danger of the yllues: where the oldman turned after this manner, wanders through the woods, clogged with the burden of selfe feeling sorrow, and in dispayre of reliefe, settles himselfe to that thraldome without hope of release. Many were the miseries in this shape hee sustained, as the many hungry dayes that in spite of himselfe he was forced to spend, so that his stomacke was not vled to feede vpon such filthie carion, as those beasts accustomedly deuoure, the raw restless nights without couert hee must now continue, the want of his friends, and feare of hys foes, with a countlesse company of moze griefes than the capacittie of man can conceaue was conteyned in him, being then as a beast, sauing that still he retained the vse of his reasonable soule, which they by no meanes could make to miscarie. In the meane time the Witch now in the  
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midst of her business, seeing in her speculative Glasse (wherein she usually saw what accident soever was likely to happen) the approach of her Brethren, who (by tracing vp and downe in the World) were some of them come nere (at vnwares) to the place where she was; posted her selfe with all speed, the better to prosper her purpose, and with violence inforces a spirit (one of her owne Attendants) to vse the organs of her bodie, to an ende which her selfe had deuised: that was, to send sundrie wayes her Brethren, who were like severally to come thether where now their Sister did sojourn.

And by that time this Hag had brought this purpose to passe, Michander her eldest Brother (that now almost wearied with walking vp and downe among the high desolate Hills) had framed his iourney towards that Riuer, the which with his swelling waters moistens once enerie yere those pleasant Egyptian Plaines, to refresh his tyred limmes in the cool streames of that pleasant Current, bathing his sweet bodie in those refreshing Springs; suddenly in the midst of a clowen Rocks he espies sitting a companie of faire Creatures, whereof one (exceeding all like the Vntresse amidst the naked troupes of her attendant Simps) hee quickly startes vp and hies to the place where he supposed they should bee: to which as hee came nerer, hee might perceane the middelmast Ladie that so farre exceeded the rest, to be Calsiopie his Sister, for whom he had made such search: when in an extasie of love, standing still as not able at the first to vtter the sudden mirth of his minde, the enuious Stone closes his sides and shuts them al from his sight. At which sudden accident, his senses as farre cast downe as before they mounted themselves with the hope of recovering his Sister, gins with himself



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deuise what this matter might meane, till from the  
Rocke hee heard one pitifully call him by hys owne  
name; which at length he perceiued to be the voice of  
his Sister whom before he had seene: and answering  
againne to her sudden call, ginnes demaund by what  
meanes he might come vnto her: To whom straight  
she answeres, that there was no passage to that piere:  
for that by the wicked worke of an enuious Inchan-  
tresse, she was ther so surely inclosed, as neither force  
of man, edge of weapon, violence of fire, nor any o-  
ther earthly meanes whatsoeuer the World could af-  
ford was able to auaille, except himselfe would ad-  
uenture one thing for her deliuerance. And then she  
coniures him by the dutie he ought to his Father, the  
loue to her his Sister, and the care of preserving their  
kindred, that he should undertake this Aduenture:  
which he with more earnest desire offers to do, than  
she could with her former reasons perswade hym to,  
desiring her to tell him his talke, that he might slip no  
time, but in al hast hie him to the perfozmance of this  
thing, which was like so highly to pleasure the both,  
her with comfort, and him with content. To whom  
she thus begins to vnfold her intent.

Under (quoth she) that toplesse Hill which we call  
by the name of Taurus, that with his length gyrdels  
in the wyde Continent of flowing Asia, vnder the  
roote of an everlasting Lilly, stands there a Chiall full  
of Virgins teares, that encountred with the like crosse  
as I am now (poore Soule) in, and before her release  
died there for sorrow: to whose eternall memorie, a-  
gainst the infectiue rage of this ouer ruling power,  
the Fates haue there reserued that powerfull Potion,  
whose Vertue is to breake the strongest inchaunted  
Bands; and so shee that by them was thus bound  
while shee liued, haue the Gods ordained as an In-  
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strument to unbinde them now she is dead. But the still working wits of these wicked wretches, hatching nothing but harme, intending nothing but what is ill, and performing nothing but that which tends to our plague, haue to prevent that which is thus provided, strongly garded the ground where this Tyall standeth, with the power of a sight killing Serpent, such as we call a Cockatrice, against whom no power is able to preuaile.

At which words, Terpander breaking her from his furder discourse, ginnes to perswade his sister a little with patience, and ere long hee doubted not by his meanes to work her libertie. And thus like the greedy Grey-hound that suddenly sets out to follow the swift footed Hare, flies he to attaine his purpose, beleuing as his sorrowfull Sister did, that there had been that vertue in the water, but it was onely the receipt of her deadly Enemye, that determined to make away all her Bretheren whose inducours were else likely to worke her release: and therefore (as before wee said) enforced her tongue to tattle that which her minde did not meane, whereby shee might bee the death in seeking to doe her good.

Not long after Terpander had thus betaken himselfe to his iournie; with hope that her release from that place shoulde repay the desertes of his paines, comes to her the second brother, whose name was Micander, and hee as the first ioyfull to see the ende of his iournie, which was the sight of his sister, begins after the manner of newe met friendes to resalute her, and as he offered to haue kissed her hand for ioy of his good happc sodainly the Rocks shutting her from him, deuorces a sunder both their desires to resalute whose proffered kindnesse, she speaking from her prison, telles him with teares &c in manner of her  
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inclosure, intreating him by all the true loue that nature woꝝkes in the mindes of men, that he would undertake some meanes for her freedome; which he readier to offer than she willing to iniurie, calls to his solenine bow all the Gods of Heauen and Guiders of Earth, that were it a greater toyle than to number the sands of the Shore, the droppes in the Sea, or the starres in the Skie, more heauie than the burden of Atlas, more toylsome than the Labours of Hercules, or more tedious than the Laborynth of Theseus. hee would with ease vndergoe it, with courage performe it, and with pleasure proceed in it: and therefore hastened her forward (poore Soule) to pronounce his harme.

Shee gins tell him, that in the Deserts of Arabia rests Orions Harpe, brought thether by the meanes of an Inchauntresse, to release from the thraldome of such subiection as now I am in, a valorous Knight, whom another Magitian had there imprisoned: and sayling by some crosse occasion to perfourme the purpose whereunto it was brought, there still remaines; but kept by a man-eating Canniball, hauing neither the forme of a man, nor the fashion of a beast, but compound of them both. Him (quoth shee) if thou canst overcome, and bring backe that well tuned Instrument, at whose stroakes the dauncing Dolphin delighted, beares on his backe wofull Orion from the furie of the fierce swelling seas, when by the Pirates he was cast among the waues. The sound whereof wilbe sufficient to vnder the doores of this diuelish device: for which deed thou shalt bee blessed, and I borrowed from this punishing prison. Which said, the forward yong Man, loath to lose time by standing on reply, gets speedily from the place and bies him to his labour.

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After whose departure, by chance (as did both the first) comes Theonas the yongest and last of these brethren, who at a sudden seeing his Sister there inclosed in the Roke, gins as did the other, to resalute her with such louing looks as accustomable passe betwixt longing friends at their first meeting; wher after manie words on both sides, Theonas wondering why she should sit so still in her seate, and not offer the like curtisie he intended to her, gins to draw nēerer the place where she was, when on a sudden, the Roke (closing together) denies his nēerer approach: at which, shee sorry within and he as sad without, gins both of them distil as manie amber teares from their chrystal eies, as might haue dissolued againe the craggie cliffes of those pittiles Rokkes. At length shee (as afore to the other two) gins tell him the manner of her life, and intreates his aid for her release, telling him of a perillous Island that was sometime kept by a skilfull woman named the wise Erganea, where on an Altar in a Temple (there built vnto her name) lies a golden Booke, in which (quoth she) is contained all the Enchauntments that Arte can affoord, and their seuerall releases again, kept by two Harpies (such were those monstrous birds with whom Alcides fought, and for his conflict with them was so great, it was accounted as one of the xii. Labours hee atchieued): thence if thou canst but fetch it away, it wil be the only meane to worke my release, and end thy long desires and tedious labour.

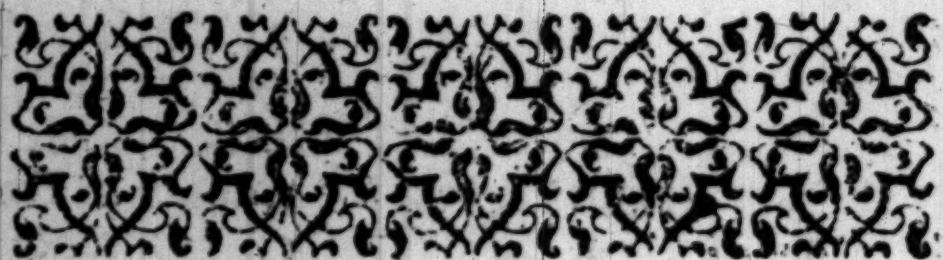
Wheretoe the yong man attentiuely harkening, as one that longed to eternise his name to succeeding posterities, for the perfourmance of some such famous Worke, makes small delay to prosecute this busines, with comfortable promises of fairer dayes, cheering and comforting her mind, leaues her to the mercy of



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her Foe, till his happie returne make her moze fortunate.

These severall Adventures by her imposed on her Bretheren, had this Witch before provided, only for a meane to destroy all them that should in this labour indeuour themselves, and perforce made her tongue the vnwilling Instrument to incite them to this ill: who other wise intended their indeuours onely for her good.



### CHAP. IX.

How *Chinon* came to the Rocke where the Ladie was inchaunted, and what happened thereof.



In this time the Fayries (by whose meanes *Chinon* was conueighed out of England) had brought hym to the place, whers in the Vision whilest he lay asleep vnder the Arbour in England, they shewed him the faire Shepheardesse, and had taken their leaue, telling him, how (by his meanes) that Ladie (now in Captinitie) was to bee released: but how manie dangers hee must first passe through, lest him there to folow his sarder fortune, with great promises that after labour he should finde rest, after  
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Formes calmes, and after frowning aduersitie smy-  
ling prosperitie : and so on a sudden vanished away.  
When he (seeking vp and downe for her, whome by  
no meanes he could find) wondring how so rare beu-  
tie could be bred in such a homely soyle, whereas the  
Earth was vnfruitfull for want of tillage, the Trees  
vnorderly bearing frute for lacke of pruning, and the  
seuerall Beasts disagreeing in their owne kindes for  
want of ordering: plainly the true definition of soli-  
tarie desolation, that oft abounding in all things, is  
cause of decay to euerie thing. At last as hee wander-  
red along the Riuer, he heard excellent musique, and  
a moze excellent voyce tune forth this Ditie.

How sweete a thing is this Content  
To which poore countrie Swaines are borne  
These falls of Fortune they preuent,  
And other hard mishaps doo scorne.

Oh how thrice blessed had I beene,  
If (but obscurde in countrie weedes)  
Those mightie men I nere had scene,  
Whose loathed loue my sorrow breeds?

But such is the vnconstant state  
Of this still-changing Worlds delight,  
Making the meane a Princes mate,  
Crossing high hopes with low despight.

Which makes my Soule (in sad despaire)  
Die here ten thousand times a day,  
Woond vp within a world of care,  
Whence nought can it release away.



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When hee following the sound of the voyce, at length found her where she was sitting in the hollow side of a Roocke, heimmed round about with a show of such creatures as her selfe, to whom Chiron giues thus to bewray himselfe.

Ah thou more than thy selfe, in that thou retainest too heauenly a forme for anie earthly frame. How impartiall are the Fates that turnes the neuer standing Wheele of Fortune, to grace with so continuall a Sunne this Soyle, and lowre with obscure showes on other places. Goddess of these Plaines that giuest more grace to these fields, than did the Goddesses to the place where they pleaded for the golden Prize. Hadst thou liued in those dayes when young Apollo loued, then hadst thou been the Paramour of Learnings Prince, and guided his will that now gouernes the World. For thy sake am I transported from the furthest place of the wide western World, into these rynged Plaines of euer ouer dried Egypt. For thee will I follow the aduentures of Armes, so that when for thy sake I haue sought the World, and with my sword engraue (in neuer changing characters) thy God like name in the farthest corners of all breeding Earth, where no consuming fire, cutting sword, nor eating eternitie shall euer weare awaye thy memorie: so that for my labour thou wilt reward me with thy loue.

When with exceeding passion he had deliuered these speeches, with more than common admiration he paused, like one that were suddenly amazed wyth the showe of some vnacquainted sight, stood a long while as in a traunce: when as the wylie Witch perceiving this new come Companion likely to marce what shee and false Perolus (by their practises) had been so long a making, beginnes to take once more the



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the charge of her tongue, and thus boldly begins to tie him to his task.

Faire Knight quoth shee, whose willing minde to doe me seruice, wins more rewarde than I am able any wise to bestow: If I were what now I am not, then would I doe what now I doe not, with fauour requite thy forward fortunes: but thus it is, and then she begins in a long Historie to relate her frowning fortunes. First drawne from the Court, then persecuted long time by her selfe to dwell solitarily vpon that vnpeopled soyle, and lastly when shee began to comfort her selfe with that country content: then solitarily to shut her vp in that place, where was no passage for any people to come to her, and she depriued of all power to come out to them, & then telling how there rested no hope of redresse, if that for her sake some mighty man would not undertake a trebble task, worse than tomented Sisyphus hys toyle.

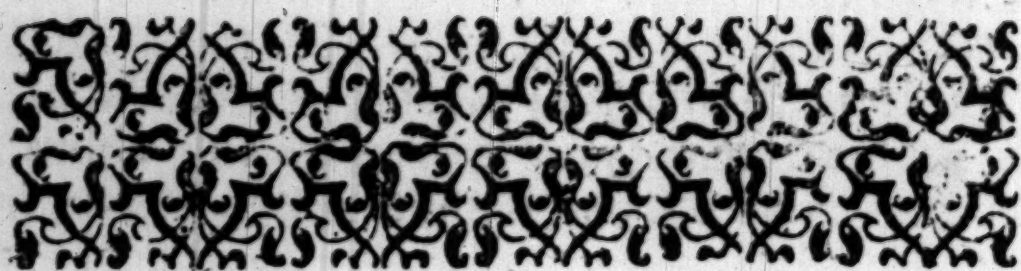
Which words wrought such a desire in the minde of this forward Knight, as beeing to performe more mightie deedes than those deedes of the olde Giants that heaping hill vpon hil assayed the height of heauen, he instantly begins to intreat that in this her charge, she would admit of him as her Champion.

At which wordes the Hag that all this while had hid her substance in an inuisible shade, gins vnto her to impose vpon him all those plagues she had appointed the other three, and when by perswasive Oration was scarce done, hys eager minde that alreadie was working for so faire a rewarde, like the towring hawke, that swiftly takes the aduantage of the fearefull soule fares hee, that proud to himselfe so faire a Saint should so soone accept of his seruice, and imploy him in so serious a peece of seruice as was the remedy of her release, flies with all speed to effect hys purpose,

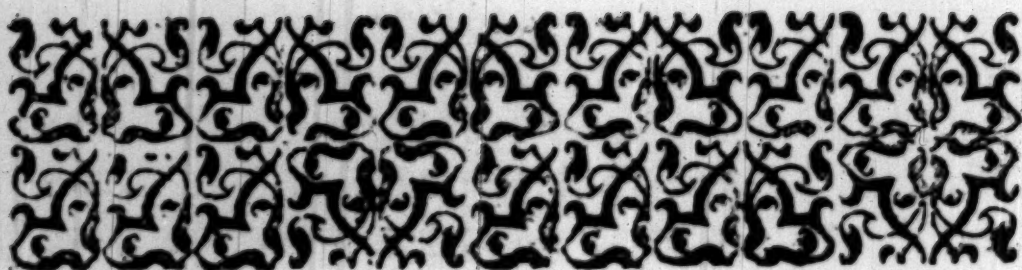


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and shee poore soule hoping well that one of her workmen would at last returne againe with the reward of their worke, with comfort contents her selfe to abide the end: where wee must a while leaue her very melancholily meditating with her selfe, howe shee might best spende her time in that wicked Prison, thinking euery houre to bee a whole yeare, and euery yeare a thousand, till shee had heard againe some newes of her searching seruants, that had spred themselves all abroad in the wide world to seeke her some meanes for to mittigate her miserie, and restore her to her former freedome againe, and nowe a while follow our seuerall Aduenturers for her aide, that by this time had trauailed far from the place where they first tooke in hand this iournie.

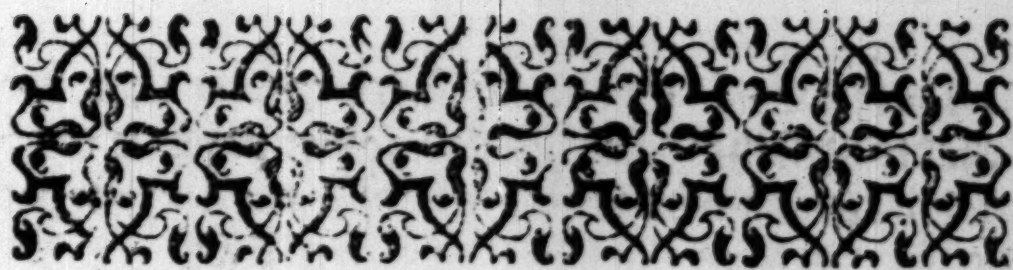


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CHAP. X.

How these brethren came to the severall places appointed by the sister, and of their adventure there.



Erpander the eldest brother, who first undertooke this charge, iourneying through the spacious plains of Asia, hopelesse to finde: for that being long since, he came to the side of the mountaine, where hee was promised to finde this viall of teares, and had almost sought euerie severall corner of the same, and yet could finde no likelyhood of any such matter: Notwithstanding loathly to leane vnsoyght any place, where shewd any appearance of such a matter. At last he saw a farre off the rising as it were of an Alabaster Roche that halfe overshadowed a hole, artificially cut into the side of the hill: whether bying him apace to see what thereby might be meant, came at last to the place, and there at the first seeing nothing that might any waies awaitt him, was about to depart againe, till hearing somewhat hastning it



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it self forth of the hole, he stood stil to see what it might be, at last appeares vnto him the forepart as it were of an ouergrowne Cocke, but farre greater than any of that kinde, that with his fierie eyes poysons euery object he sees, against whose force Terpander had prouidently prouided a bright Armour of Steele, which couered euery seuerall part of him, on whome when he looked, the reflere of hys sight, sending back againe the dart of poyson to himselfe, that hee threw out at another, powerfully poysoned himselfe, the hinder part of this beast was framed after the manner of a Cocodriles tayle, such as are commonly resident about the bankes of Nilus in Egypt, that with the force thereof had bene able to haue brused the best proued Armour: with which when by the reuocation of hys ouer sight, he had lost the vse of his eyes hee lustily laid about, till such time as the vpper part of hys bodie forceably swelling with the inwarde working poyson, made him so vnwieldie that now vnable to weald his body any more, was forced to fall downe, and with the power of the poyson shortly after died: which when Terpander perceaued that his foe was so soone soiled, taking it to be the place of which his sister had foretold, by reason that in her discurse, she described vnto him such a like keeper of that precious water, as was this same, that there kild with his owne weapon, lay dead before him, gins diligently to scarch vp and downe for the thing it selfe, which at last on the ether side of the rocke he perceaued: where vnder a faire Lillies roote stode the treasure for which he had spent so much paines: which when he saw, hartely thanking those helping heauens, that had so mightely, not only preserved him from the force of hys foe, but also helped him to the inheritance of that hee so much desired, goes boldly forward to the place, where hee  
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saw this Lillie spring, & taking away the viall which  
he poore soule tooke to be no other than the teares of a  
virgin, that by such kind of meanes as his sister had  
discribed vnto him was placed there, and about to re-  
turne with ioyfull newes of his sisters deliverance,  
hee had not gone farre from the place where first hee  
found it, ere the Viall beginning to warme with the  
heat of his hand, sodainely by vertue of the venomous  
water therein inclosed, infused such a contagious  
hate into euery seuerall vaine and sinnow of his bo-  
dy, as that wherewith the poysoned spirit was that in-  
raged madding Hercules: So this poore man, that  
for his good meaning, was thus recompensed with ill  
measure. enraged with the extreame paine of his in-  
uenomed limmes, gins fall into a frantike humoꝝ,  
leaving the way should lead him backe againe to his  
Sister, and furiously without regard of himselfe, gins  
reuenge his iniurie vpon senseles and brutish beastes,  
that had now lost all the power of a man.

This was the end the sozceres had intended shuld  
betide to him, that in hope to fetch his sisters blis shuld  
there finde his owne bane, and by some meanes or o-  
ther kill himselfe, or els vnable so with reason to rule  
himselfe, shuld fall into the daunger of some wilde  
beast, who without pittying his case, might cast hym  
away. where we must leaue him in his lunacie, and  
come to the second brother, who by this time was at-  
tained to the appointed place, scituate in the bosome of  
the Arabian deserts: where vpon a Cypresse branch  
he might a far off discerne the golden instrument, on  
whose trembling stringes the beauteous beames of  
the sunne delights to dally: Where vnderneath this  
dismall shade, so that now the sunne at the Zenith  
of this Sphere, darts downe his perpendicular  
beames with such force vpon the face of the earth, as



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makes euery creature seeke to shelter himselfe in the coole shades: for which cause this monster was then crept vnder the Cipresse shadowes, and ouercome with the heate of the aire was then faine a sleepe: to whome when Micander came nere, diligently beeing each seuerall part of his deformed body, for that the Instrument hung high vpon the tree, and without stirring this stubborne beast could no waies be come by prepares himselfe after the best manner hee could to Combat with this Curre, and when he had buckled on his Armour, made readie his weapon and was now encouraged to encounter with hys enemy, gins with some such noyse as then hee made to rouse hym from hys rest.

When as the Canniball like the throted Dogge whome Theleus awaked in the Gates of hell, sends out such a hideous crie, as affrighted the neighboring Birdes and Beastes that inhabite that part of the world with his terrible sounde, and shaking of himselfe, gins he w in hys vpper parts the perfect forme of a Dogge with long eares, which long hanging eares that exceeded the substance of the greatest spanniels, hang well nie downe to his middle. From the middle downeward he had the shape of a man, big boned as are these wilde people that liuing lawlesse in such vnruled places, feeding themselves after their fashion vpon the fat of the earth, cut growes the common sort of well guided people, and taking vp from the earth a great Iron club, such as was in his iudgement too big to be swayed by a mā, without any warning gins fall to his weapon: where betwixt them two was begun a dangerous fight, & long time continued with vncertaine hope of succes, till Micander nimbly eschueing the weight of his weapons fall, gins get within his reach, & so carues his skinnie and bones



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bones with his well tempered sword: which for that purpose he had only prouided, that in short time hee made him with the great issue of blood that fell from hys wounds so weake, as he was not able any more to beare the waight of his blowes, but was forced to fall vnder his foe: which when Micander perceaued, he straight waies dismembers him of all his limmes and leaues nothing behinde for his helpe, but the naked bulke of his body, and then reaching downe from the tree that fatal instrument, (which the Witch to another end than hee aimed at had prepared,) gins turne back his course, and with that Consort, hie him home to comfort his sister.

As thus hee was trauailing to his long wished for place of ariuall sodainely hee determined with him selfe to trie what was the harmonie of that famous instrument, that with his sound coulde call the senselesse trees from their rootes, remoue the craggie Rockes from their Cliffs, mittigate the reuenging wrath of brutish deuouring beasts, compose concord betwixt the Lambe and the Lyon, the Hound and the Hare, the Falcon and the fillie fowle: whose strings he had no sooner touched, but determining with him selfe to sing some delightfome Ditty to the sweete tenth of these silver sounding stringes, for ioi hee had compassed his desire. The powers of his tongue denying any more to execute thair office, hee was sodainely stricken dumbe, which was the plague this witch had pretended should light on him, by the Magicke made sound of this Instrument, which was nothing els but an illusion as were all the rest, to draw these brethren into danger, where we wil leaue him making what shift his dumb demeanes affordes him to trauell homeward, and come now at last to the third brother. Theonas that by the fauorable hope



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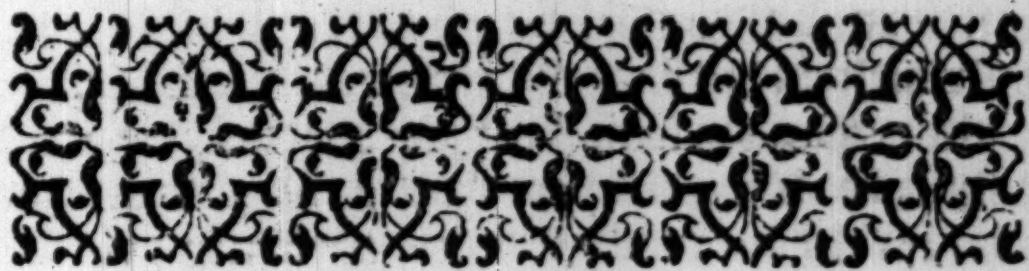
of winde and weather was nowe ariued vppon the perillous Iland: where coming into the Temple of Ergana the wise Inchauntresse, that was richly adorned with all peculiar thinges thereunto belonging. At the vpper end thereof vppon an Altar of cleare Chystal that was couered with a curious cloth of gold, ouer-whome was hung the perfect picture of an ancient woman, which woman was the sozenamed Ergane, there twixt two golden Candlestickes that were filled with two continuall burning Tapers censsing the Temple with sweet saours, lyes a golden booke which was kept by two harpies, monstrous byrdes, halfe Women, and halfe Serpents, that with their winges so beats the young aduenturer, as hee was scarce able to abide theyr force.

But as hee that looking still vpon the goles is better-incouraged to goe forward, hee that sees the harbour, takes greater paines to get home, hee that is neare an end of his labour, thinkes all the paines but little hee hath to spend: So fares it with Theonas, that looking vpon the end whereto hee had endeouored himselfe, thinkes the paines but a pleasure hee indured, & in short time so behaued himselfe, as that he had ouerthrowne one of hys enemies, and then like the Hart, that by casting his horne, renues his strength, the Eagle by losing his bill strengthens his flight so he at the sight of hys fall, begins to fight a fresh, and in short time had the like succes of the one as before he had found in the other: so that nowe there was no partition betwixt him and his pray, but that he might take away the booke, to which when hee came, opening it that hee might bee an eye witnes what was there included, in stead of those powerfull spels that there he shuld haue read, from out the closure thereof came such a duffie fogge, as filling his eies with a blacke



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blacke myst like vnto pitchie smoake he was suddenly stricken blind, and there left to grope his way back, that came thether with the perfect vse of his eyes. This Booke (as were both the rest) was nothing els but a deceipt of the Inchaunteresse, to drawe thether one of these Brethren; where (in stead of relieving their Sister) they might inthrall themselves. Thus poore Theonas (euen in the prime of his Spring) hauing lost the vse of this light, (which is the especiall comfort of mans life) wanders vp and down like old forsaken Oedipus in his erilde life: where we must a while leaue him in this pitteous case with hys Brethren.



CHAP. XI.

How *Chinon* met with these Bretheren seuerally one after another, and what became thereof.



**B** this time was *Chinon* come to the place where we first left *Therfnder* mad after hee had taken vp the *Wicll* of *Water*: who seeing him fare so with himselfe, rending vp trees by the rootes, tearing vp mightie stenes from theyr places where they stood, and tumbling them downe from the



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tops of high hills, into the bottomes of deepe vallies; who (notwithstanding his misfortune) kept still the Tiall about him untouched: to whom Chinon came wondering to see what man should walke that waye, begins to question with him about the manner of his comming thether: To whom the mad man far vnlike himselfe, (for that before he was courteous, but now contrarie to his kinde hee had changed his countenance to haire-brained crueltie) and in stead of courteous behauiour, answeres him in rapling opprobrious tearmes, and at the length begins with force to assaile him as an enemye; which Chinon perceiuing, closing with the mad man as hee came to incounter with him forceably casts him downe, & taking from him the Tiall of water, which all this while hee had kept closely in his handes, begins to looke what it should be the poore soule had in such request, when suddenly by the like mischance that the other was changed, himselfe was with Lunacie presently possessed: and raging like Ajax after his foyle for Vlysses hys armour, or mightie Alcides when on the Mountaine Oeta he built the Altare whereon himselfe was sacrificed, tearing his clothes from his backe, the hayres from his head, and launcing with deepe wounds the limmes of his bodie; releases Tuppander from the plague wherewith he was possessed, and brings it vpon himselfe. Which the other perceiuing how hee was deliuered from that daunger, pittied the wofull estate of this worthie Man, but helpe him hee could not, for that such was his invincible strength, now by the force of his furie much more augmented, which force neither man nor beast, stocke nor stone, nor any other creature whatsoeuer was able to stand in hys hand; so that in short time, what with his vnoordely tracing through vnfrequented passages to finde fuell



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ell for his fire, and his swift paces that stil ouer-went the other wearie wearie man, who had tyed himself before in his furie, Chinon was quite gone out of his sight, whom wee must now leaue after the recouerye of his wits, trauelling home againe into hys owne Countrey, to seeke out some other meanes for the release of his Sister, and followe Chinon, who raging and raving like an angrie Lion at last ouer-takes Micander, who (poore man) as quiet for the sorrow he had lost the vse of his tongue, as the other unruly in his rage, seeing him a farre off, staid still to expect the euent of his sudden epproach; when the madde man comming to him gins with vnseemly behauioꝝ to abuse the other poore distressed Soule, and wyth force pulling from him the Instrument which he was loth to lose, though by it he had incurred such a displeasure: yet at last Chinon (farre stronger than the other person) pulls it away, and a saying with his fingers to strike the strings, was at the first sound thereof stricken dumbe, whereof as soone as Chinon was possessed, Micander was straight waye released. Which infirmitie when Chinon perceaued in himselfe, redoubling the rigour of his handes for the vse hee had lost of his tongue, gins furiously to fall vpon Michander and beate him, for being the Authour of his ill: which the other perceiuing, farre vnable to sustaine the strength of his stroake makes meanes to escape his hands, which by his swift flight hee soone attayned. So in short time ridding of himselfe enough from the feare of this foe, hee for his owne safetie, takes home the nearest waye hee could finde into hys owne Countrey.

In the meane time Chynon wandring wyldly thus about the World all carelesse where hee went, because he w sooner hee turned, euerie where lay



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lay his way, at last comes downe vnto the Sea side, where by chaunce he findes a Boate readie furnished with all prouision neceſſarie for the Sea; who (after the manner of such madde men) leaping thereinto, (though ignorant what to do or careles whither to go, more than to satisfie his mad humo<sup>r</sup>) launched from shore, and making shift to set vp his saile, was quickly conueyed farre from the sight of anie Land into the midst of the merciles seas, sayling to and fro manie dayes not fearing to be drowned, because he perceiued nothing: nor expecting anie place whether to goe, for that he scarce knew, where he was either at sea or on shore. But at the last (flying with his Marke before the Winde) he was suddenly driuen on shore vpon an Iland, where (leaping a land) he betooke himselfe to trauaile vp into the countrie, to see what people it did afford: where he had not long trauelled, but a farre off vpon the side of a Hil he espied one sadly sitting by himselfe, towards whom he made what hast he possibly could.

This was the yongest Brother of those three, that before we told ye of was stricken blind by looking into the enchanted Booke; to whom when he came, suddenly snatching the Booke out his hande, (after hys fond furious fashion) opens the claspes to see what was therein contained, when suddenly issued out such another fogge, as that wherewith Theonas was stricken blinde, and in like manner bedazels his eyes: when presently Theonas was againe restozed vnto his sight, and wondring to see there so goodly a man possessed with so manie plagues at once, giues then with himselfe consider how it should come to passe? who for that himselfe was vnacquainted with what had happened to his other Bretheren, could geſſe at none but that which lately he was punished wythall him,



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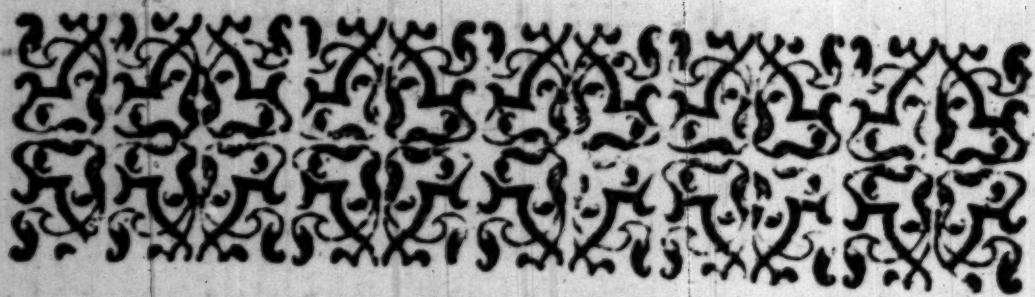
himselfe : one, for that the reasonlesse Man (for all these troubles wherewith hee was tormented) could not (by his meanes) be brought within the compasse of quiet behauiour, thought it best to prouide some meanes for his owne escape, and leaue hym there to the mercie of **G D D**, that would not be ruled by the meanes of a man; so he betooke himselfe to his Journey, where wee must also leaue him (ridde by thys meanes of a mischiefe) retourning to seeke hys Bretheren, and take some other order for their enchanted Sister.

The Inchauntresse now (that all this while saue the issue of this matter) grœwing that her cunning should be so crossed, and yet ioying that all these punishments were light vpon his head, whom she before feared more than all the rest : set all her wits a worke, to deuise a meanes how shee might (now hauing him at such a vantage) make him sure for euer escaping out of her hands againe : foreseeing, that by his meanes all this scattered kindred were likely to be restozed againe to their former estate. And therefore (by her power) incloses him within the clift of a Rocke, against which she rouled vp a mightie stone, such as the force of manie ordinarie men was not able to remoue : and so least by any meanes he might be recovered out of this inchaunted Castle, shee places as Porter before the doore thereof a mightie Gyant, twice as great and grim as the ordinarie kynde of such ouer-grown Creatures vse to bee. Where, when hee was inclosed (suppeling him now safe enough from anie resort that should bring him release) she was content all his plagues should cease, and hee (the more to aggreuate his griefe) be restozed againe to his wits; which was effected as speedily as determined.



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No sooner was he closely shut vp into that vncomfortable Cabin, but all his Instruments (by whose meanes he came by those croſſes) as his Water, his Harpe, and his Booke vanished away, and he himſelfe reſtored (as I beſore ſaid) againe to the ſame eſtate of ſenſe as he was beſore, his libertie onely excepted: where we muſt now awhile leaue him in his melancholy Cell, and retourne againe into England, to ſee the ſorrow of olde Cador Duke of Cornwall, for the ſudden departure (without taking leaue) of Chinon his Sonne.



### CHAP. XII.

How *Arthur* of *England* ſent three of his Knights to ſearch for *Chinon*, & how they found him.



Ador Earle of Cornwall whilſt that theſe things were thus by this diueliſh Inchauntreſſe effecting, ſil ſpent his yeares in ſorrow for the ſudden loſſe of his Sonne, and at laſt (wearied with too much grief) he intended to make ſome friends, by meanes to the King, for to haue his royall fauour  
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and helpe for his reuerie. Therefore on this determining, he repaired one day to the Court, and there finding the King and all his knights, as carefull for his crosse misfortune as himselfe, gins in very humble manner (yet with honourable regard) thus to intreate his Maestie.

Most royall Soueraigne (for whom from my first able yeares my seruice hath been imployed) vouchsafe me in my decayed yeares this kingly comfort: Send forth I beseech you) some of his worthie fellow knights to seeke Chinon my Sonne; who albeit he hath yet deserved little either of your Grace or of them, yet his forward endeuour hath alway shewed he would much more ere this haue merited, had not enuious fortune crosse him in this sort.

To whom the King and all his Nobles present did most willingly condescend. Then calling together all the knightly companie of his Round Table, declared to them Duke Cadors request, and his owne readinesse to haue it vnderaken: who all were not only to goe in Quest of Chinon, but each man manifested his more than common earnestnes, by taking offence if anie one were named beside himselfe. To ende this controuersie, the King thus provided, that euerie man should drawe his Lot, and on whom soeuer it fell, that knight should forthwith chuse hym two fellows from the rest of the Companie, and so they three shuld take vpon them this desired trauaile. The Lots accordingly were made. and euerie one of the knights drew, and the Lot fell vpon Sir Calor, who was Sonne vnto Sir Lancelot du Lake and the beauteous Celestina Daughter to the King of France, whose Parents Chinon before valiantly rescued, being betraied and taken in the hands of the treacherous Mordant.



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But before their departure, it was thought convenient (for the better furtherance of their Journey) to take some counsell of Merlin, who then lived accounted as a Prophet in England, and by his skill could tell of secrete things forpast, and hidden mysteries to come.

Merlin being sent for by the Kings commandement, came to the Court, and shewes them in a speculative Glasse the manner of his departure out of England, the manie troubles hee had endured in his Journey, and now at last opens at large the whole manner of that great miserie whereunto he is now brought by the meanes of that subtile Inchauntresse: telling them further, that except they made verie exceeding great speed for to procure his release, hee was likely to dye there for want of reliefe, being there detained from all necessaries fit to sustaine a man; or at least having of those necessaries a verie short pittance allowed him.

Merlin hastening them forward on their iourney, promised al the cunning he could afford for their speedie conveyance, which he effectually perfourmed, so that in short time they were arrived in this perillous Island: where after long search for the place wherein Merlin did promise they should finde their friend, at last they might espie this monstrous man, iaylour to that unfortunate Knight, stretching himselfe at the mouth of the Cave wherein Chinon was kept. To him they made all possible speede, and first of all Syz Calor addressing himselfe to fight, gins before hee offered violence with curteous greetings to salute hym gently, demanding what he was that lived so desolately in that unfrequented Island: To whom the detested and currish Carle made this unmannerly answer.

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I am quoth hee as thou seest, one within whose clawes thou and the rest of thy sawcie companions haue compassed your selues : if therefore you will submit your selues to my mercy , then will I thus dispose of you hère within a hollow Caeue he wone out of this craggie Rock, wherein lyes inclosed a knight such a one as you are , who for the like offence that you now haue offered , is condemned to the eternall flauerie of perpetuall imprisonment, within shall you spend your hatefull lines , and when for hunger you are welnie starued , fall freshly then to eat one anothers flesh , but if you stubboznelly stand out against me, thus will I dispoyle you in renting your cursed limmes peece meale a sunder , or els fastning you seuerall to the big bulks of some of these trees : where when the imperiall punishment of hastning hunger shall seaze vpon your selues , you shall there be enforced to eat your owne flesh. that might here haue fed vpon another, to whome Syr Calor thus answered.

Foule vglie fiend , wee come not to knoele to thee, but to force thy subiection to vs and for the release of a Christian Knight that thou keepest Captiue within thy power.

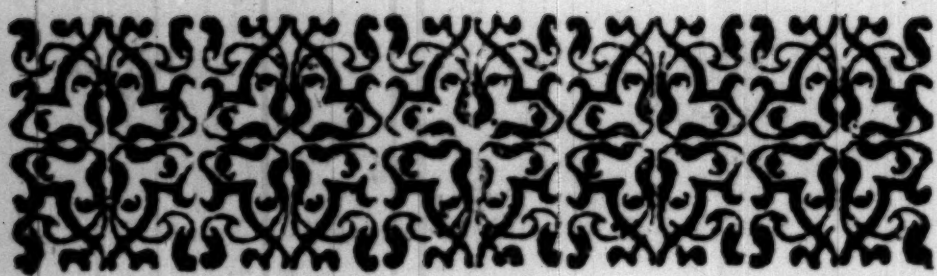
At which wordes the Giant seeing them addresse themselves to fight, presently bestirs himselfe, and taking an Iron mace, (which to that ende the Witch had prouided) lets driue at Sir Calor with all the might he could, from which he nimbly leaping away eschued the force of the fall, whē as the other knights comming in to rescue sir Calor , before the Giant could againe get vp his weapon from the ground, they had so mangled hys limmes, as he was now far vnable to fight , but falling prostrate downe before them, humblie intreats for his life : which they were willing to graunt, as not seeking the losse of him, but



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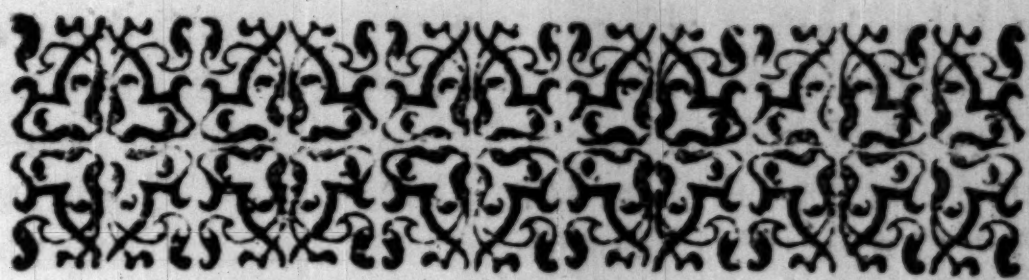
The life of their friend, to whome the Giant gins relate all the manner of the imprisonment of Chinon, and at the last opens the doore of the Cave, and calles him out to his friends, who resaluting one another with such friendly greetings as are vsuall at such adventures accidents, take their iournie from thence vp into the Countrie, and for that the Giant had tolde them in hys former discourse of the manner of Chinons imprisonment, how that Perofus for whose loue all this had come about, had in Egypt taken Armes against the King, for that his treason being discovered, he intended to recal old Bessarian from his banishment, and that his power so daylie increased, as that it was now far greater than the Kings, they intended to shape their iournie thetherwards and help the king in his warres against this traiterous rebbell: where wee must let them goe forward a while in their iourney, and returne againe to our three aduenturers for their sisters libertie.

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CHAP. XIII.

How *Bessarians* sonnes met with their Fa-  
ther in the shape of a Beare.



After that these three yong men were  
again restored to their former  
estate, Terpander the first of them  
trauailing homewards to seeke a-  
gain his sister, meetes by the way  
his transformed Father, who not a  
little glad to see his sonne, though the other taking him  
for no lesse than he seemed, made some hast to fly from  
him, till looking backe and perceauing the scroule a-  
bout his necke for the regaining of his harts desire,  
strikes his poore father with such a blow, as breaking  
his sword vpon the scalpe of his head, he was forced to  
flee for want of weapons, fearing least the Beare  
should haue fallen freshly vpon him, being tyred  
when as God knowes the fillic man astenished with  
the stroke, was rather afraid of an vnnaturall deaths  
wound by his sonne, then willing to prosecute any re-  
uenge for the same.

Not long after Terpander had thus hurt his Fa-  
ther, comes that way the second brother, who in like  
case meeting with the Beare and hoping by his death  
to obtaine his desire, gins with a Borespeare hee had  
in his hand eagerly to assaile him, in so much that in  
short



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Short time hee had grieuouſly wounded hym , but the head of his weapon by chance breaking off , hee was forced to flie as did his brother: to be ſhort the ~~W~~itch that intended by the meanes of ſome of theſe ſonnes, to make away their father . After that the firſt two had ſayled, brought thether the third , who eager to accompliſh his deſire , promiſed by the ſcoule that hung about hys fathers necke, begins a freſh fight, & ſo wounded hys ſillie ſire , as that for want of blood which hys weapon had lauiſhly lanced out, hee was forced to fall downe, whome Theonas ſuppoſing to be dead, left there to follow his deſire.

In the meane time whileſt theſe thinges were thus in doing had there bene fought a great battaile in Egypt , betwixt Egbaton their king, and Perofus the traitour, of whome before we told you: where by the meanes of the Engliſhmen the king ouercame , and Perofus was put to flight: who for his ſauegard forſaking hys Countrey , betooke himſelfe to the Mountaines : where after hee had long traueiled , hee by chance met with Beſſarian tranſſormed, as afore wee haue ſeene you, who hauing ſome what recovered himſelfe after the wounds of his ſonnes, fearing leaſt his foe ſhould at his ſight flie away , layes ſodaine holde vpon him.

At which Perofus being afraid ſeeing himſelfe aſſailed, gins make all the meanes hee could for hys eſcape: but the other loath to requite him euill for hys ill dealing, in ſteede of ſuch rauinous behauiour , as commonly is found in ſuch like beaſts, gently fauours vpon him , ſhe wing himſelfe rather willing to helpe him, than readie to hurt him.

When Perofus calling to mind hys former offence in the bewitching of the old man , and ſeeing by the writing about his necke, that this was he whome hee had  
had



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so cruelly cross, falls downe before him, & with  
supplicative teares intreats his pardon: to whome the  
Weare though unable to speake, yet with dumbe de-  
means shewing the effect of his minde, answers in  
dum tokens what he could not tel in plausible words:  
to whom Perotus there promised, that would hee but  
follow him, hee would forthwith conduct hym to the  
place where hys daughter was imprisoned, & where  
he hoped also to meet with her, by whose meanes all  
this was brought to passe.

In the meane time Chinon and his fellow knights  
following their foes from the fight, by chaunce inter-  
cepted Eutropa the Witch as shee was flying astraie,  
whome presently they intending to kill, & shee know-  
ing very well their crueltie, fell downe before them,  
humbly asking pardon for her life, and in requitall  
thereof shee would restore to liberty, her for whose sake  
Chinon had suffered all this extremitie, than which  
Chinon desiring nothing more graunts her request,  
whome shee presently transportes to the place where  
Cassiopea lay imprisoned: where when they came,  
they found her three brethren dilating onto her theyr  
seuerall ill luckes, whome as soone as they came, the  
Witch released from the bondage of the Roke, and  
falling downe on her knees asks hartie pardon for  
her amis, to whome the Lady glad of her release  
straight forgives that offence, and then Eutropa tel-  
ling her the great perrill Chinon had overpassed for  
hys love: shee with all curtesie falls downe at hys  
fete, submitting her selfe for requitall thereof to be  
disposed at hys pleasure, whom he taking vp from the  
ground, offering himselfe like wise to her.

In the meane time whilest these folkes were thus  
reioycing, comes in Perotus leading of the transfor-  
med olde man, and humbly there asking pardon of  
them



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them all for his offence, telling them the manner  
he had found the old man, who was by the means  
the Witch presently restored to his former shape, and  
then returning all backe to the Court to certifie the  
king of their severall affaires. Bellarian was then  
againe restored to his dignity, & Perolus sauerely  
punished for his offence, & Chinon and  
Cassiope by the consent of their friends,  
and mutuall loue of themselves,  
were matched together  
in marriage.

FINIS.

